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FOR NEW ENGLAND

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Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at Bolton 8th mo 11th 1849

The representatives named in the accounts are from Smithfield Elizabeth A Osborne, Lucy L Payson Hannah Aldrich Elizabeth J Rathbun Catharine Comstock and Phebe Andrews. Uxbridge Polly Southwick Phebe S. Mash and Lydia B Capron Bolton. Nancy A Simmons and Lydia Bliss Richmond Ruth Randall and Emma Brewer present except three one of whom rendered a satisfactory reason for absence

The queries have been read with answers to the three usually answered from all our monthly meetings

Our esteemed friend Lindley M Hoag is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich Monthly meeting New Hampshire his company and religious services have been acceptable to us.

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended except one who was prevented by indisposition in her family

The report of the Boarding School Committee with other extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting have been acceptably read at this time

The committee under appointment to visit Richmond monthly meeting make the following report which being acceptable to the meeting we accordingly appoint Ruth Earle Ann B. Earle Ruth Holden Lydia R Kelley Sarah A Earle Phebe S Mash and Lydia B Capron to unite with a committee of men friends to visit that meeting as they may open in accordance with the tenor of the report

To the Quarterly Meeting

The Committee to visit Richmond Mo. Meeting appointed in 8th mo. 1848 report that a portion of their number visited the meeting, and that the differences therein existing were soon after brought to a close, since which no special occasion calling for their action has occurred Yet considering the reduced number of Friends belonging to that monthly meeting and their remote and isolated situation, we would recommend the appointment of a new committee to visit the meeting and acquaint themselves with its present condition, and that they be requested to consider the propriety of its longer continuance as a distinct monthly meeting

Northbridge 5th mo 13. 1849.

Edward Foster
Ruth Fry
for the committee

Under a sense of a continuation of Divine regard the meeting concludes imposing to meet at Northbridge the 11th mo next if permitted

Ann B. Earle Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11th mo 11th 1847

By accounts received from the several monthly meetings the representatives are viz from Smithfield Abigail Inman Elizabeth T. Rathbun Ruth M Batty Rachel A. Battey and Sylvia Brooks. Uxbridge Sarah Clapp Mary Brown Wing Hannah Sprague and Sarah H. Earle. Bolton Ruth Holden and Mary A Randall. Richmond. Ruth Randall and Lucy Wheeler. present except two one of whom rendered a reason for her absence

The queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our monthly meetings

We are informed that mens meeting have united with Smithfield monthly meeting in approving the public appearance in the ministry of Thomas Grover with which this meeting concurs

Transcripts of epistles from London and Indiana together with the London printed epistle for the present year containing much instructive counsel have been acceptably read at this time

Under a feeling of accountability for the many favors received the meeting concludes imposing to meet in 2nd mo next at Smithfield

Ann B. Earle Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2nd mo 10th 1848

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Abigail Inman Rachel A Batty Mary Stone and Elizabeth A Osborne Uxbridge Phebe S Mayh Anabah Aldrich and Lydia E Chase Bolton Olive Wheeler and Mary A Randall Richmond Susanna Bassett and Sarah C Wheeler present except those from Richmond

The queries have been read together with answers to the three usually answered from each of our mo. meetings

Our beloved friend Martha J Hadley is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from China monthly meeting endorsed by Wassalboro Quarterly meeting & Yearly

of Maine expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to endorse a returning minute on her behalf.

A certificate on behalf of William Hodges of China monthly meeting who is absent in attendance of this meeting as companion to his wife has been read his company has been acceptable to us.

We are informed that Smithfield mo. meeting has united with Smithfield select preparative meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth A Osborne to the station of an elder with which this meeting unites having the concurrence of sundry friends and we appoint Phebe S Mash to give this information to the Select Quarterly meeting We have received a proposition from Uxbridge and Bolton mo meetings to take into consideration the propriety of making some change in the places of holding our Quarterly meetings we therefore appoint Elizabeth A. Osborne Lydia R Kelly Phebe S Mash Ann B. Eade Catharine Comstock Sarah A Eade Abigail Inman Olive Wheeler and Mary A Randall to unite with a committee of sundry friends to consider the subject and report to our next meeting

We conclude proposing to meet in fifth mo next at Northbridge & remitted

Ann B. Eade Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 11th of 5th month 1848.

We have received accounts from each of our monthly meetings and the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Susan Gaskill Catharine Comstock Ruth M. Battey Elizabeth A Osborne Elizabeth J Rathbun and Lydia R Kelley Uxbridge Polly Southwick Hannah Sprague Phebe S Mash and Lydia Wheeler.

Bolton Ruth Fry and Sarah C Fry. Richmond Ruth Randall and Lucy Wheeler present except five The queries have been read with answers thereto from which a summary has been prepared for the Yearly Meeting which we forward by our representatives

Lydia R Kelley Catharine Comstock Ruth Fry Phebe S Mash Polly Southwick & Elizabeth A. Osborne

Phebe S Mash reports that she has given information to the select Quarterly meeting of the appointment of Elizabeth A Osborne to the station of Elder.

The subject of some changes in the places of holding the Quarterly meeting coming before us at this time it is concluded to defer the consideration of it till next Quarter leaving it in the care of the same committee We have received at this time a proposition from Uxbridge Mon. meeting to change the places of holding that meeting as follows at Uxbridge in the 6th and 10th months, at Leicester in the 5th and 8th months at Northbridge in the 1st 3rd 7th and 9th months and at Worcester in the 2nd 4th 10th and 12th months with which arangement this meeting unites

A transcript of an epistle from New York Yearly meeting has been read at this time and was acceptable to us

This meeting concludes purposing to meet at Bolton in 8th month next if permitted.

Ann B. Earle Clerk.

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except a few in one small meeting; generally by the greater part of our members, though some are too negligent in this important duty; the hour nearly observed; generally preserved from sleeping. No other unbecoming behavior noticed therein

Ans 2nd. Love and unity generally maintained and detraction guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge.

Ans 3rd Friends generally endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel; also to dissuade them from pernicious reading and the corrupt conversation of the world; mostly exemplary herein themselves; the Holy Scriptures are (we trust) frequently read in their families

Ans 4th The use of spirituous liquors, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort we trust are avoided. Moderation and temperance are observed on account of births marriages burials and on other occasions.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning to fit them for business, and we know of none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th We believe parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline

Ans 7th Friends are generally careful to maintain our

testimonies in regard to the several portions of this query
And 2nd Generally careful in these respects.
And 3rd Both parties are warned and reproved
And 4th Parents admonished to their duty in the premises
and to place judgment
according to discipline

At a Preparative Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Bolton 8th day 10th 1848.

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives thereto named are present Elizabeth A Satterthwaite, Sarah Ann Eddy, Ruth M Batten, Rachel A Battey and Lydia A Hallock. The Elders Phebe Mosher, Ann Ruth Earle and Margaret A Jackson. Bolton Sarah Ann Eddy and Lydia Ann Battey Richmond Susan Barnes and Susan Babcock who being called are present.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth Meader is in attendance at this meeting with a certificate from Providence monthly meeting expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement also with
Ruth Davis with a minute of concurrence from
with a minute of concurrence from Rhode Island
monthly meeting. Their company and religious services
have been acceptable to us. A minute on behalf of
our friend Joanna Peck from Greenwich monthly meeting
companion to Elizabeth Meader has also been read
in our meeting and received.

We have also in attendance at this time our beloved friends Thomas Wells with a certificate from Miami monthly meeting endorsed by Miami Quarterly Meeting and John Scott with a certificate from Baltimore mo meeting endorsed by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with their
Their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us. The minutes have been read with
regard to the time usually appointed at this time for
the case of our monthly meetings. The representatives
to the County meeting report that they all attended
The report of the Boarding School Committee has
been received at this time and read to our satisfaction
The time having arrived for which the clerks were
appointed Elizabeth A Satterthwaite Phebe Mosher and

Catherine Comstock are appointed to consider the subject and report the names of suitable persons for that service to our next meeting The committee appointed last 5th month to consider the State of Richmond monthly meeting make the following report viz

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

We your committee to investigate the State of Richmond monthly meeting report That we have given the subject such attention as may has opened for and have and recommend that the monthly meeting be continued another year under the care of a committee and that the select members of that meeting be attached to Bolton select preparative meeting or wherever the Quarterly meeting may think best

Richard Cotton on behalf of
Ruth Cook } the committee

Signed 9th mo 19th 1848

which is satisfactory and we accordingly appoint Lydia B Cox Abigail Thomas Lydia B Cotton Ruth Cook Cotton Lawrence Elizabeth A Cotton Mary A Randall Ruth Cook Isaac Shaw Elizabeth Cox Rhoda Ruth Cook Lydia Wing and Lydia B Cox to have a care of that meeting but attend as many of the monthly meetings as they may find for it being the conclusion of the mind that the select members of that meeting be attached to Bolton select preparative meeting as the which we unite The committee make report to consider some change in the place of holding the quarterly meeting report that they have opened the subject to some next Quarterly meeting.

This meeting concludes purposing to meet at Smithfield in 11th month next if permitted

Ann B. Cook Clk.

at Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at Northbridge 10th mo 9th 1848

By reports received from our several monthly meetings we are informed that they have appointed the following friends as representatives to this meeting from Smithfield Sarah A Cook Catharine Comstock Phebe Andrews and Rachel A Batten Uxbridge Phebe L Mason Ruth Cook Mary C Bassett and Grace Cook — Bolton Rhoda Ruth and Sarah C Cox — Richmond, Ruth Randall and Sarah Sarah C. Wheeler who are present except from all of whom sent satisfactory reasons for non attendance The committee appointed at our last meeting to

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confer with suitable persons for clerks of this meeting report in favor of the reappointment of Ann P Cook as Clerk and Elizabeth Southwick as assistant with which this meeting unites. The queries have been read with the three annual answers to each of our monthly meetings Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting of women friends and manuscripts of epistles from London Baltimore and Ohio Yearly meetings have been read at this time — These evidences of the tender regard of our friends of other Yearly meetings have been encouraging to us — This meeting concludes to propose to meet at Smithfield in 2nd month next if permitted

Ann P Cook Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 2nd mo 8th 1864

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named and from Smithfield by Lia T. Cox Ruth M Balderston Thirza Andrews Lydia C Aldrich and Lucilla Sherman Uxbridge Ruth Earle Mills Aldrich and Hannah Aldrich Bolton Mary P Wilson and Sarah P Wheeler Richmond Ruth Randall and Susanna Russell present except three one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for her absence

The queries have been read with the answers required at this time from each of our monthly meetings Our beloved friend David Sutton is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from St Albans monthly meeting endorsed by Smithfield Quarterly meeting State of Maine His company and religious services have been acceptable to us We have also the company of our esteemed friend David Heller from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass as companion to [illegible] his company has been acceptable to us Our beloved friend Jacob H Tiffany is in attendance of this meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly meeting Mass his company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is authorized to sign such returning minutes as may be prepared for them in this meeting The committee under appointment to take into consideration some change

in the arrangement for holding our Quarterly meeting make the following report

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of a new arrangement in regard to holding our Quarterly meetings, Report that on duly considering the subject, they are united in proposing, that the Quarter held at Smithfield in the 2nd month be hereafter held at Worcester in the same month and that the Quarter held at Northbridge in the 11th month be hereafter held at Smithfield in the same month

On behalf of the committee

James C Sisson
Charles Hadwen
Phebe Mann

Smithfield 2nd mo 8th 1849

This meeting concludes proposing to meet at Northbridge 5th month next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 10th 1849

By reference to several former monthly meetings the Representatives Minutes and Epistles from Smithfield Elizabeth A Osborne, Sarah A. Earle Ruth M. Battey Sarah B Branston and Deborah Brown — Uxbridge, Ann Read Eliz Southwick Mille Aldrich Lydia B Capron and and Susan C Clapp Bolton Mary A Cadman and Martha Aldrich Richmond Lucy Ann Eliz and Ruth Randall who being called are present except three The queries have been read with answers thereto from all our monthly meetings from which we have prepared a Summary which we forward with an account to the Yearly meeting by our friends Lydia B Kelley Sarah A Earle Lydia Gates Mary B Cumming Eliz Southwick and Sarah B Branston Lydia B Capron and Sarah P Wheeler whom we appoint our Representatives and request them to report their attendance at our next meeting

Transcripts of Epistles from Ohio North Carolina and Indiana have been read and were acceptable and encouraging to us

We conclude purposing to meet at Bolton on
1st mo next if permitted

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Ann B Earle Clerk

Answers

1st For meeting be reliious worship and discipline
have been attended with the exception of a few
in their small meetings owing to the inclemency
of the weather and the absence of some friends'
families from [illegible] or the [illegible]
members - the hour readily observed - Not much
attention of Sects or other endeavoring to
obtained therein

2nd Love and unity generally maintained -
Attention mostly paid to end - Care is taken
to end differences

3rd Friends generally endeavor to bring up those
under their direction in plainness of speech
behaviour and apparel, to dissuade them from
pernicious reading and corrupt conversation
mostly exemplify herein themselves - the Holy
Scriptures are (we trust) frequently read in
their families

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirit
uous liquors, and the frequenting improper
places of public resort. They endeavor to ob-
serve moderation on the account of births
marriages burials and on other occasions

5th The circumstances of the poor have been
inspected and their necessities relieved;
none placed from among friends

6th Parents and heads of families are generally
careful that proceedings with respect to
marriage be conformable to discipline Some
young friends not so careful as is desirable
by the same -

7th Our testimony generally maintained as re-
spects the several parts of this query

8th Friends generally appear careful to inspect their
affairs and settle their accounts they are punc-
tual to their promises just in the payment of
their debts and careful to live within the
bounds of their circumstances

9th Mostly clear as to records some removals without certificate

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders in some
measure as required after and to place judgment
in the authority of truth and according to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Dublin 2d day 6th M. 1877

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Sarah A. Earle, Alice Andrews, Ruth B. Bates, Lydia Buck, and Emma G. Cross, Wilmington Lydia E. Chase, Hannah Sprague, Susan D. Clapp, Dublin Hannah Cadwallader, Mary Cadwallader and Lydia Ann; Richmond Grace Hoyle and Ruth Cadwallader, who are present. A certificate has been read on behalf of our beloved friend Sybil Jones from China Monthly Meeting State of Maine; she is in attendance with us at this time; her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute.

The queries have been read with satisfaction and answered at this time from all our monthly meetings. Our beloved friend Eli Jones is in attendance at this time with a minute from China Monthly Meeting State of Maine; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us. A certificate has been read on behalf of our beloved friend Enos Pa[illegible] from West Branch Mo. Meeting Miami Co. Ohio, and to the West Branch Quarterly Meeting. He is in attendance at this time and his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us; with a minute from his Clerk his meeting on behalf of our esteemed friend [illegible] R. Keller laid before this meeting, a prospect which has for some time rested on his mind to appear in the certificate of Smithfield his meeting to attend the Yearly Meeting of Philadelphia, and the meetings belonging thereto, and as is appointed meetings within its limits as way shall open the way. He concerns having obtained the weighty consideration of this meeting, as we trust under a humble covering of Divine Love, was united with and she was encouraged to proceed therein in the reliance that the same power which has accompanied her to this time will be extended to her all through which she may have to pass. The Clerk is directed to sign the above to be placed on her certificate. The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except one to whom was prevented by indisposition in her family.

The report of the Building Committee and the extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting have been received and read at this time and are acceptable to us We have received information from Richmond mo. meeting that they have united in removing such Goods from the station of our Order which has the approbation of this meeting

The committee appointed last 5th month to have the care of Richmond mo meeting house reported a report at this time and it being their judgment that the meeting be still continued under the care of a committee we accordingly appoint Lydia B. Cajon, Phebe Andrews, Hannah Aldrich Phebe S Mott, Ruth Ann Earle, Sarah P Eddy, Elizabeth Southwick, Elizabeth Stanton to unite with the committee of men friends in the care of that meeting for the ensuing year.

Under an humbling sense that the fulness of gratitude for the favors bestowed upon us at this time would be the clothing of our minds we conclude [illegible] to meet in 11th month next if permitted

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th month 13th 1849

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Elizabeth A. Cajon, Hannah Aldrich, Ruth M Batten and Hannah Aldrich Uxbridge Susan D Cook Pleasant Mount Hannah Evans and Sarah Ann Bolton Mary A. Randall and Eunice Brewer Ruth Fry Richmond Ruth Randall and Eunice Brewer who being called are all present. The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our monthly meetings. We have received at this time the information which properly should have been given the last quarter that the Yearly meeting had united in the change in the place of holding our quarterly meetings which was proposed to them in our account of last 11th month

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed the Report was read and Ruth Fry to confer with suitable friends for the service and report next month

Epistles from North Carolina Ohio and Baltimore and Indiana have been read at this time to our encouragement and we trust to our edification

under a feeling that Divine favor is not to be
looked upon as at our command be acceptable
Ann B Earle Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends
held at Worcester 2nd mo 14th 1850

The representatives named in the accounts from
our several monthly meetings are from Smithfield
Lydia B. Dee Rachel A Batten Phebe Tucker Ruth
M. Batten and Sarah A. Earle Uxbridge Mercy
Ann Vetta Phebe S Marsh Mary R Hadwen and
Hannah Isaacs Bolton Sarah C. Fuller and
Lydia Bliss Richmond Susanna Brazett and
Lucy Wheeler present except five one of whom
sent a satisfactory reason for her absence

The committee named to confer with some friends
in relation to the meeting to be held next
the names of Ann B Earle for Clerk and Elizabeth
Southwick for assistant with which the meeting
unites The minutes have been read with the
required answers from each of our monthly meetings

Our beloved friend Lydia R Willis returned at
this time the certificate granted her in eighth
month last to attend the Yearly Meeting of
North Carolina with the information that she
was favored to accomplish her visit to
the peace of her own mind. The forwarded
returning minutes from North Carolina Yearly
Meeting held at New Garden - Western Quarterly
Meeting held at Center and from Springfield
Deep River and Deep Creek monthly meetings all
expressive of their satisfaction and unity with
her gospel labors among them - Our beloved
friend John D. Lane attended this meeting with
a minute of concurrence from Wassalboro Monthly
Monthly Meeting his company and gospel labors
have been acceptable and edifying to us

Our beloved friend Reuben Jones attended this
meeting with a copy of a minute from Litchfield
monthly meeting his company and services have
been acceptable to us - Our beloved friend
Lydia M. Hoag is also acceptably in attendance
at this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich
Monthly Meeting endorsed by Dover Quarterly meeting

The company of our esteemed friend Daniel Bayly
companion of Reuben Jones has also been acceptable

to us. We presented a minute from Litchfield 13 monthly meeting. A lively epistle from New York Yearly Meeting has been read at this time and was acceptable to us

We conclude proposing to meet at Northbridge in 5th mo next

Ann B. Earle Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting held at Northbridge 5th mo 9th 1850

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Ruth M. Battey Abigail Inman Catharine Comstock Sarah A Earle and Lydia R Kelly Uxbridge Lydia B. Taber Millville Lydia E. Chase Mendon Barnett and Elizabeth Clapp Bolton Mary A Randall and Ruth Dry Uxbridge Eunice Bacon and Ruth Randall present except those for whom satisfactory excuse was offered for their absence. The queries have been read with answers from each of our monthly meetings from which we have prepared a summary which we forward to the Yearly meeting with the account by our friends Lydia E Chase Mary B Inman Abigail Inman Lydia R Kelly Elizabeth Clapp Mary A Randall and Ruth Dry whom we appoint our representatives and Eunice Bacon to report their attendance in eighth month next

The London printed epistle and transcript of epistles from London and Dublin have been read at this time and were acceptable and encouraging to us We conclude proposing to meet in eighth month next at Bolton if permitted

Ann B. Earle Clerk.

Answers.

1st All our meetings have been attended except a few small ones, the non-attendance of which was occasioned by indisposition and in some instances. Love is not kept generally in the meetings but is encreased; mid-week meetings are frequently small. The hour is nearly observed. Friends are mostly preserved from sleeping no other unbecoming behavior noticed.

Ans 2nd Love and unity are generally maintained; detraction & evil surmising against one another, we know of no differences that we know of.

Ans 3rd We believe most friends are careful to bring those under their direction in plainness, to refrain from, vain, & frivolous writing, and unprofitable conversation, are generally exemplary herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, except the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort, and to keep in moderation and temperance on account of births marriages burials and on other occasions.

Ans 5th The necessities of the poor have been relieved their children have the privilege of learning none placed from among friends.

Ans 6th Friends are generally careful that proceedings relative to marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th Our testimony is generally maintained with regard to the several parts of this query.

Ans 8th Friends endeavor to inspect their affairs settle their accounts and to be just in the payment of their debts; also to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th Generally careful with regard to records and certificates

Ans 10th We believe friends are concerned to deal with offenders as the query requires and to place judgment in the authority of truth according to our discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 8th 1850

By the accounts received from our several Monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Mercy Aldrich Ruth M. Batty Rachel Batty and Lydia R. Green. Uxbridge Lydia & Mary Brayton Smithfield Esther Edmund and Susan Buffum Bolton Mary Southwick and Dinah Kinnicutt Richmond Lucy Wheeler and Ruth Randall who being called are present except three

The queries have been read with answers

to the three usually answered from each of 15
our monthly meetings

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended

The report of the Boarding School Committee
extracts from the minutes & epistles from London and Balti-
more have been read and were acceptable to
us The Committee under appointment
for the care of Richmond meeting the past
year have made the following report

To Smithfield Quarterly Meeting

We your Committee appointed to visit Richmond
Monthly meeting from time to time as way might
open for it, report, that several of our number
have attended that meeting at different
times since our appointment and are united
in judgment that the longer continuance of
that Monthly meeting will not contribute to
the benefit of Society on account of the very
reduced number that now constitute it.

Richard Battey
Phebe L Mabb

On behalf of the committee

Bolton 8th mo 8th 1850

which is acceptable to the meeting and we
are united with our friends in defering any
action upon it until our next Quarterly meet-
ing and continue the subject under the care
of the same committee.

We conclude proposing to meet at Smith-
field in eleventh month next if permitted.

Ann B. Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 1st 1850

The representatives named in the accounts are
from Smithfield Abigail Inman Mercy Aldrich
Rodman & Grow and Lydia R. Keller

Uxbridge Milla Aldrich Anna P. Pratt
Polly Southwick and Ann K. Colton

Bolton Elizabeth W Babcock & Sarah C. Earle

Richmond Susanna Russell & Lucy Tweedale

who being called are all present except one.

The queries have been read with answers & the two
usually answered from all of our monthly meetings

manuscript of epistles from London, Ohio, South Carolina, New York and Indiana have been read at this time and were encouraging and edifying to us.

Our beloved friend Timothy C. Collins is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from South Kingston monthly meeting held at Hopkinton Rhode Island his company and religious services have been acceptable to us

The subject of Richmond monthly meeting coming again before us at this time we have united with your mind in the discontinuance of that monthly meeting and annexing the members thereof to Sybridge Mo. Meeting

We conclude proposing to meet at Worcester in second month next if permitted.

Ann B. Earle. Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo 13th 1851

The representatives named in the accounts are from Smithfield Rachel A. Battey Sarah A Earle Elizabeth T. Ralkhorn Lucy Summit and Ruth S. Battey Uxbridge Phebe S. Marsh, Asubah Aldrich and Ann B. Earle. Bolton Mary A Randall and Jane M. Mann who being called we all present Our beloved friend Susan Rawland is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Fall River Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us Our beloved friend Avis Keene is also in attendance of this meeting with a certificate of concurrence from Salem Monthly Meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign & returning minutes which may be prepared for them

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our monthly meetings

Our beloved friend Benjamin Lukens is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Brighouse monthly meeting endorsed by York Quarterly Meeting England; also one from the Meeting of Friends in and near London. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable and encouraging to us. His companion Robert Lindsay also

produced certificates from the above named meet-
ings. Their company and services have been
acceptable to us. Our friends, Elisha Jones with
a certificate from China Monthly Meeting State of
Maine and Caleb Jones with a certificate from
Falmouth monthly of the same state and Jacob
H. Irvine from Swansea Monthly Meeting Rhode Island
are all acceptably with us at this time.

The time having expired for which the clerks
were appointed Lydia C. Chase and Elizabeth A.
Osborne are united to confer with suitable
persons to serve the meeting and report to our
next meeting.

A true transcript of an epistle from London
Yearly Meeting has been read and was acceptable
to us.

Under a solemn sense of Divine favor we con-
clude in passing to meet at Northbridge in 9th
month next if permitted.

Ann P. Earle, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women
Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 8th 1851
By accounts received from our several month-
ly meetings the representatives were named
as usual viz: Phebe Andrews, Diana
C. Aldrich Ruth M. Batty Mary Ann Cook
Deborah Grover Uxbridge Lydia B.
Mary B. King Anna Chase Ann P. Earle
Elizabeth Clark Bolton Northbridge and
Sarah C. Ayer who being called are present
except one. One of the friends named
to confer with some persons to serve the
meeting as Clerks reports the name of Ann
P. Earle for Clerk and of Elizabeth continue
for assistant with which this meeting
unites and they are accordingly appointed
for one year. The queries have been read
with answers thereto from each of the
monthly meetings from which we have
heard and the same we forward to
Yearly Meeting by our friends Lydia C.
Mary B. Fairbank Elizabeth A Osborne Ann
Ann Pell Smithfield Ann P. Earle and Ann
Earle whom we appoint our representatives
and request them to report at our next meeting

Our beloved friend Jared Ballenow is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from [illegible] Quarterly meeting Indiana His companion and gospel labour have been acceptable to us His companion Joseph Griffin with a copy of a minute from Pickland Monthly meeting is also acceptably with us

Our beloved friend Benjamin Jones is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from [illegible] Dover Quarterly meeting New Hampshire His company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes which may be prepared for them The London-printed epistle fraught with much excellent council has been read at this time and was acceptable and encouraging to us A testimony concerning our late deceased friend Royal Southwick prepared by Uxbridge Monthly Meeting has been read and is approved by this Meeting

Under a renewed sense of Divine favor we conclude proposing to meet at Bolton in eighth month next if permitted

[illegible] B. C[illegible] Clerk.

Answers

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship & discipline have been attended, except a few small ones occasioned by indisposition and inclement weather; yet there is an appearance unsuitedness with some in this important duty the hour mostly observed; friends generally preserved from sleeping or other unbecoming behaviour therein.

Ans 2nd Love and unity generally maintained by most friends, detraction mostly guarded against; no differences have come to our knowledge

3rd [illegible] are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness; also to dissuade them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world; they are careful

accordance herein themselves. We believe the scriptures are frequently read in most friends families

Ans 4th " Friends appear careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and mostly clear of visiting places of public resort and to keep in true moderation and temperance, on the account of births marriages and on other occasions

Ans 5th " The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved; their children partake of learning to fit them for business; none placed from among friends

Ans 6th " Friends are mostly careful that proceedings respecting marriages be conformable to discipline, where it has been otherwise some care has been taken.

Ans 7th " Our testimonies generally maintained as regards the several parts of this query

Ans 8th " We believe friends are careful to "inspect their affairs, and settle their accounts punctual to their promises, and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th " Care taken respecting records, several instances of removal without certificates, which are under notice.

Ans 10th " We believe friends have endeavored in the ability afforded, to deal with offenders as the query requires, and to pass judgment according to our discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 14th 1851

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Elizabeth A Osborne Phebe Andrews Romana Greene Rachel A. Battey and Mary Steere from Uxbridge Mille Adams Ruth Earle Hannah Deagan and Ann C. Darling from Bolton Mira Hathaway and Deborah L. Tolles to be an Assistant except

three - two of whom were prevented attending by indisposition — The queries have been read and answered to the best manner answered at this time from each of our Monthly meetings

The representation to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended except Anne B. Earle who was prevented by ill health

Our beloved friend Daniel Wood a minister has been in attendance of this meeting with a certificate of recommendance from Plum Creek Monthly meeting held at Plum Creek Muskingum County Ohio Endorsed by Alum Creek Quarterly meeting held at Kingwood Co Ohio. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable at this time. May his efforts be blessed among us The Clerk is directed to sign and forward minute that may be produced at this time

The Annual report of the Boarding School committee has been read to our satisfaction also the proposition of a regulation of discipline in regard to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders as reported by the meeting for sufferings and adopted for the Yearly Meeting

Extract from the minutes of our Yearly meeting of Friends also the address issued this fifth day 10th M. containing much good advice and counsel have been read, we hope and trust to the strengthening and encouragement of many minds

Under a realizing sense of the spiritual blessing received at this time, we conclude, appointing to meet in 11th mo next at Smithfield if permitted

Elizabeth Southwick Clk for the day

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 13th of 11th mo 1851

By accounts received from our several mo meetings the representatives thereto named are from Smithfield Meeting Mary Hadley & Clayson and Hannah Aldrich Wrightsville Phebe L. Hatch Polly Southwick Warrington Jemima and Elizabeth Southwick Bolton Ruth Gay and Sarah D. Wheeler who being called the present except who are

prevented attending by indisposition

We have with us at this time our beloved friend Ruth H Baker with a minute of concurrence from Sandwich monthly meeting Her company and gospel labour have been acceptable to us Also her companion Mercy H Wing with a minute of concurrence from the same monthly meeting Her company and religious services have been truly acceptable to us The queries have been read with the answers required at this time from each of our monthly meetings An epistle from London to its junior members fraught with much excellent counsel and exhortation has been read at this time we trust to our edification and encouragement

There are in attendance at this time several members of the Committee appointed by this meeting to visit subordinate meetings The minute of their appointment has been read and their company is satisfactory to us

Under a feeling of the renewed extension of Divine love the concluded to hold our next in Worcester in 2nd month next if permitted

Ann B. Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at [illegible] 2nd [illegible] 10th 1852

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Clarissa Comstock Elizabeth A Osborn [illegible] Hannah R Aldrich and Lydia R Kelly Uxbridge Phebe S Mauch Anna Bassett Ann B Earle and Ann K Bolton Bolton Lucy C Collins and Lydia Bliss who being called are all present

The minutes have been read with the several [illegible] from each of our monthly meetings We have received at this time a minute from Uxbridge two meetings proposing some change of discipline in relation to marriage; it is the conclusion of this meeting that it be left on further consideration

[illegible] meeting

Our beloved friend Lyndley M. Haag attended this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Monthly Meeting endorsed by Dover [illegible] Meeting [illegible] Company and [illegible] has been received [illegible]

Our beloved friend John Page with a copy of a minute from Weare Monthly Meeting [illegible] attendance at this time; his company and religious services have been acceptable to us Also our esteemed friend Joshua Sage as companion to John Page with a minute from the same monthly Meeting; his company is acceptable to us

An epistle from our Sisters of London Yearly Meeting had been read at this time and was encouraging to us

Under a feeling that the mind of Ancient Wisdom has been opened to us at this time we conclude purposing to meet at Smithfield in fifth month next if permitted

Ann B. Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 5th mo 13th 1852

By accounts received from our several mo. Meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Lydia R Kelley Mary B Cadwell Ruth B Comstock Ruth M. Brown Lavina S Hadwick and Lucy A Jenkins; Uxbridge Ann B Earle Grace Taber Abby Mowry Lucy A Clapp. Salem Mary A Chandler and Ruth Bridge who being found are accepted [illegible] satisfactory reasons were assigned

The queries have been read with the answers thereto from each of our mo. meetings from which we have prepared a summary which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Mary B Comstock Lydia R Kelley Rodnia W Grover Mary B Wing Ann B Earle Catherine Comstock and Ruth C Wheeler who are requested to report their attendance at our next meeting Epistles from our sisters of New York Baltimore North Carolina Ohio and Indiana have been read at this time

and were acceptable and encouraging to us 23
Our reconsideration of the request [illegible]
[illegible] coming from [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
ing adopting the following to forward in our
account to the Yearly Meeting; In the account
from Lybridge Mo Meeting it is proposed to
this meeting to bring before the notice of the
Yearly Meeting the subject of altering the
[illegible] time of holding the
[illegible] with a request with which
[illegible] and
with our friends in carrying the proposition
to the Yearly Meeting

We have received at this time a proposition
from the Select Quarterly Meeting to change
the time of holding that meeting in the
Second Sixth and Eleventh months from
11 o.clock A. M. to 2 o.clock P. M. of the same
days as heretofore We unite with our
Meeting in approval of the proposition and
[illegible] is directed to [illegible]
in the account to the Yearly Meeting

The time having expired for which the
Clerks were appointed Rhoda H Mark and
Polly Southwick are named to confer with
suitable persons for the service and report
[illegible]

Under a sense of Divine favor we conclude
[illegible] at [illegible]
month next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clerk

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship
and discipline have been attended except
a few small ones; and generally by the
greater part of our members; still there
is an apparent want of right exercise and
[illegible]
duty: The hour nearly observed, not much
appearance of sleep or other unbecoming behaviour

Ans 2nd [illegible] and unity generally maintained
[illegible] tenderly guarded against as cases
occur [illegible]

Ans 3rd We believe our Monthly Meetings are careful to bring up those under their direction in plainness & to dissuade them from pernicious reading and unprofitable conversation and are generally exemplary herein themselves; The Holy Scriptures are we believe diligently read in their families

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine, the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort; and to keep in moderation and temperance on the account of births marriages burials and on other occasions

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved Their children partake of learning to fit them for business, and none placed from among Friends

Ans 6th Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th Our testimony generally maintained as regards the several parts of this query

Ans 8th We believe friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th Careful as to reading, none known without certificates, on which account care has been taken except in two instances

Ans 10th We endeavor to deal with offenders in a manner as queried after and have placed judgment, we visit in the authority of truth according to discipline

At a monthly & Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Salem 6th day 12th 1752

By the accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named as in the subscribed query Answers — viz Aldrich Lydia B. Coe. Ruth M Bailey and Rec. A. Ball. Monthly Meeting Friends Sarah Bassett and Elizabeth Southwick Boston Dinah Kinnicut and

Lydia Bliss who being called are present except Three for the absence of two satisfactory reasons were assigned

The committee appointed on the Report of Clerk report the name of Jesse B Cloud for Clerk and Elizabeth Southwick for assistant which being approved by the meeting they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year The queries have been read with answers to the three usually answered from each of our monthly meetings

We are informed that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting all attended

Our beloved friend Harvey Derbyshire is in attendance at this meeting with a minute from Salem monthly Meeting Henry County Iowa endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

The Boarding School report and extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been read and were acceptable to us

The following minute has been received from the Yearly meeting

The committee to whom was referred the proposition from Smithfield Quarterly meeting in relation to marrying in the kindred by affinity, made the following report, viz;

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a change of the discipline in relation to marriage, as proposed by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, have considered the same, and are united in recommending that the provision of the discipline which prohibits the marriage of a deceased husband's brother or a deceased wife's sister should be rescinded

For the committee

Benjamin Hoyle

Mary Hoyle

which is satisfactory, and with the unity of the women's meeting, that portion of our discipline from this present current to [illegible] is hereby repealed The clerk is directed to give the Rec

essay information to our subordinate meetings and they are requested to expunge the article referred to from our Books of Discipline

We have also received information of a change in discipline in relation to Burial Grounds and the Clerk is directed to see that the change is made in the Books of Discipline

We conclude Temperance to meet at Smithfield on 11th Month next & Committee

Ann B Earle Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 11th 1852

We have received accounts from our several Mo meetings and the representatives therein Present are from Smithfield Maria Eaton Abigail Inman Mary Steere Hannah Aldrich & Lucy Ann Inman — Uxbridge Rhoda Read Abigail Thurber Lydia Brayton and Ruth A Mann — Bolton Elizabeth H. Babcock and Mary A Randall who being called are all present

Our beloved friend Mary Shove is in attendance at this meeting with a minute from Providence Monthly Meeting and her company and religious services have been acceptable to us

The queries have been read with answers to the first second and tenth from each of our monthly Meetings

Our beloved friend Edmund Peckham is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of approbation from Sandwich Monthly Meeting Mass. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us

A minute has been read on behalf of our beloved friend David Thom from Swanzey Mo Meeting Mass. His company is acceptable to us

We have received information that the Yearly meeting has united with the proposition from this Quarter to change the time of holding the first meeting on the 2nd 5th and 11th months from 11 o'clock A.M. to 2 o'clock P.M. and that meeting will accordingly hereafter be held at that time

The London printed epistle was read with much satisfaction [illegible] and encouragement was [illegible] and edification

The business of this meeting being accomplished we conclude by passing to meet in second month next at Worcester if permitted

Ann B Earle Clk.

At a monthly London meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd of 11th 1853

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives present are from Smithfield - Lydia R Kelley, Sarah A. Hall, Mary B. Brown, Hannah Aldrich and Sarah M Bailey - Uxbridge - Ruth and Milla Aldrich, Mowena Jammon and Sarah W. Earle - Boston - Lydia Bacon and Elizabeth W Babcock who being called are present except one who was prevented from attending by sickness

The minutes have been read with [illegible] to the first second and tenth from each of our monthly meetings

We have received and read a copy of a minute from our last Yearly meeting giving information of the appointment of a committee to visit subordinate meetings. Several of the Friends conclusion that committee are now acceptably in attendance with us

Epistles from our sisters of London Dublin New York Baltimore and North Carolina have been read at this time to our edification and encouragement

Under a sense that it has been good for us to be together at this time, we conclude proposing to meet at Northbridge on 5th of next [illegible] if permitted.

Ann B Earle Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th of 12th 1853

By the accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives present are from Smithfield Elizabeth A Bacon, Lydia

R Kelley, Maria Buffum, Ann Maria Crowley
Mary Ann and Phebe Easley — Jonathan
Ruth Earle Mary B Wing Aruba Aldrich
and Susan D Clapp Priscilla Lacy & Collins
and Mary A Randall, who being called are
all present

The minutes have been read with
minutes from each of our monthly meetings
from which we have prepared a Summary
which we forward with an account to the
yearly meeting by our friends Mary B Tinson
Abigail Jenkins Phebe L Marsh Ruth Earle
Susan D Clapp Mary A Randall and Lydia
Ann Wilson we appoint our representatives
and request them to report their attendance
at our next meeting

Our friend William H Thompson
son is in attendance of this meeting with a
certificate from Seabrook monthly meeting and
dated 9th month 2nd which meeting, his company
is and solicits that he may be received
by us. He is accompanied by his wife
Louisa M Thompson with a minute from
Seabrook monthly meeting; her company is
acceptable to us

Lively epistles from Ohio and Indiana
have been read at this time to our encourage
ment. This meeting unites
with the men's in sending forward for the
consideration of the Yearly Meeting a proposal
to change the time for assembling in the
2nd month in future to commence from
11 o'clock & 1/2 past 10 A M.

The elders of Smithfield for divers
reasons the appointment of a committee prior
to this meeting to confer with them in accord
ance with the Rules of discipline made
and provided in relation to the appointment of
ministers and elders we therefore appoint
Ruth Earle Phebe L Marsh Maria Buffum
and Susan D Clapp to unite with a com
mittee of men friends appointed for that
purpose

We forward the minutes to yearly meet
ing in eighth month next if received

Ann B Earle Clerk

Answers

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except two, though some of them have been very small - the hour nearly observed - friends are mostly preserved from disunion - no other unbecoming behaviour noticed

Ans 2nd Love and unity are generally maintained - detraction steadily guarded against we know of no differences.

Ans 3rd Most friends endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness - to dissuade them from unbecoming reading and conversation - are generally exemplary therein themselves - we believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families

Ans 4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors - the unnecessary frequenting of places of public resort - and to keep in moderation and temperance on other occasions.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor are attended to and their necessities relieved their children partake of learning to fit them for business - none gleaned from among friends

Ans 6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried generally careful that proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th Friends are generally careful as regards the several parts of this query

Ans 8th We believe friends are careful to manage their affairs and settle their accounts - generally punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th Generally careful in regard to records - care is also taken with respect to removal certificates

Ans 11th Friends endeavour to deal with offenders in a manner as queried after, and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth according to Discipline

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 5th mo 11th 1853

By the accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Elizabeth A Browne Elizabeth S Kathleen Hannah Abbott Ruth A Bates and Lydia B. Coe Uxbridge Phebe J Mann Ruth Earle Hannah Spague and Elizabeth Clapp Bolton Rebecca A Ivy and Elizabeth W Babcock who being called are all present Our beloved friend Elizabeth Gove attended this meeting with a certificate from our monthly meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us — The minutes have been read with the required answer from each of our monthly meetings — Our beloved friend Edward Gove attended this meeting with a certificate of unity from Scituate Monthly Meeting R. I. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting all report their attendance

Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting, the report of the Boarding School Committee, together with a minute adopted by our last Yearly Meeting in relation to upholding our testimony against Slavery have been read at this time and were all acceptable to us

By a minute from Smithfield Mo. Meeting we are informed that they have approved of the gift and public appointment in the ministry of Smith Battey. This minute unites therewith

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Elizabeth A Browne and Phebe J Mann are named to confer with some persons for that service and report to our next meeting

A lively epistle from our sisters of London Yearly Meeting has been read to our encouragement

We have received information that the Yearly Meeting has united with the proposition

from this quarter to change the time of holding the meeting when held at Worcester 31
and the meeting will hereafter assemble at
½ past ten o'clock A. M.

Under a sense of Divine favor we conclude. Jun[illegible] to meet at Smithfield in
11th mo next if permitted

Ann B. Earle. Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 10th 1853

The representatives named in the account received from our several mo meetings are from Smithfield — Sarah B. Branston Lucy B Payson Abigail Inman Ruth M Batley Elizabeth J Rathbun and Maria Aldrich — Uxbridge Phebe Bond Phebe J Marsh and Ruth Earle Bolton Lydia Dow and Dinah Kinnicutt who are all present

The committee appointed for the purpose report the names of the former Clerks for reappointment which being acceptable to the meeting they are accordingly appointed for one year.

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our monthly meetings

A minute has been read on behalf of our beloved James Mc Laughlin from Olney monthly meeting State of Maine. He is in attendance of this meeting and his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us. Also one on behalf of our esteemed friend Joseph Jones, from Lynn monthly Meeting State of Maine, companion to James Mc Laughlin his company has been acceptable to us

This meeting unites with the following proposition from Uxbridge mo meeting viz That there monthly meeting which has been held at Uxbridge the 3d month be in future held at Uxbridge and the one which has been held there in the 8th month be in future held at Worcester and that the meeting for worship in that place be discontinued

The London printed epistle brought with much excellent counsel and instruction has been read to our comfort and we trust edification

Under a renewed feeling of thankfulness for divine favor we conclude Sandwich to meet at Worcester on 2nd Month next if permitted

Ann B Eadle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo 9th 1854

The representatives named in the several Monthly Meetings are for Smithfield Lettice Allen Hannah R Aldrich Ruth M Batty Abigail S Hodges & Rachel A Batty Uxbridge Phebe A Marsh Hannah Sprague and Ann B Eadle - Bolton Lucy Collins and Jane H Wheeler who are present except three -

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend Reuben Jones is in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Litchfield Monthly Meeting

His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

Lively epistles from Dublin New York and Baltimore have been read to our encouragement

We conclude Sandwich to meet at Northbridge in fifth month next if permitted.

Ann B Eadle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 6th mo 11th 1854

By accounts received from our Mo Meetings the representatives from Smithfield are Lucy C Paine, Sarah A Eadle, Lettice Allen and Rachel Batty; from Uxbridge Ruth Jones, Mary Binney, Susan L Capt and Phebe M Aldrich from Bolton Eliza H Babcock and Mary Read, and who being called are all present except

[illegible] Meeting [illegible] Summary has been [illegible] from the Meeting to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Mary B. Fisher, Lucy [illegible], Sarah A. Eisele, Ruth Fry, Milla Aldrich, Ruth Earle, Roanna W Dover and Lydia R Kelley whom we appoint our representatives there to and request them to report to our next Quarterly Meeting

Under a sense of Divine favor this meeting concludes [illegible] to meet at Bolton in the 7th month next

Signed Jeanette Elizabeth Southwick Clerk for the day

Answers to the Queries

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, except a few small ones, occasioned by indisposition, yet a remissness in this important duty is manifest in many of our members; the hour is pretty well observed - friends generally are preserved from sleeping and no other unbecoming behavior noticed when assembled.

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained among us but not so fully as all as would be desirable - detraction is generally guarded against; and where differences have arisen, endeavors have been used to end them

3rd Friends generally endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel; also to preserve them from reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world. They are generally exemplary in these respects; and the Elders Overseers are frequently engaged in this service

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine - the occasions of procuring, selling and use of public resort are mostly avoided - Moderation and temperance are observed on account

of births marriages burials and on other occ...
5th " A minister has been duly ordained to the ..., and they ... in such ... as ... placed from among friends
6th " We believe parents and heads of families ... and ... carefull that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to dis...
7th " Mostly clear in regard to the several regulations named in this query
8th " ... accounts, and endeavor to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts; and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances
9th " Friends are generally careful to have all their marriages, births, deaths and burials recorded, and care is also taken with regard to certificates
10th " Care is taken to deal with offenders seasonably we trust as the query requires and judgment is placed where necessary in the authority of truth according to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at ... 8th mo 10th 1854

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Lucy S Payson Rachel A Batty Avis Batty Elizabeth A Osborne and ... from Providence ... Whitten Mary B Wing and Ann K Colton from ... Mary ... and ... Gates who are all present

Our friend Hannah S Robinson is in attendance at this meeting with a minute from ... monthly meeting ... and ... Our friend Jane S Eddy is likewise in attendance at this meeting with a minute from Greenwich monthly ... held at ... Point ...

held at Flint [illegible] 1st day of the week
ing and gospel labors among us have been
[illegible] acceptable and the Clerk is directed to
[illegible] the ensuing minutes

The names with the several sums
[illegible] to have been read in our meeting
[illegible] the appointment of [illegible] to
the Yearly meeting report were read
except Lydia Kelley who was removed by
death soon after her appointment

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read at this time and is acceptable — Extracts from the minutes of our dear friends in and from London, Dublin and New York Yearly Meetings have been received and read at this time [illegible] ment and edification

We have received a communication from a committee appointed by Uxbridge Monthly Meeting concerning the appointment of [illegible] and [illegible] Elizabeth L Cadbury, Priscilla Gordon, [illegible] Abigail Inman and Ruth Fry to join a committee of our friends to confer with that committee, [illegible] under a sense of [illegible] met at Smithfield in 11th month next if permitted

Sarah B Fry
[illegible]

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Smithfield Eleventh [illegible] 1873

The representatives named in the accounts received are from Smithfield Diana L. [illegible], Mary [illegible], Bbae, Dorcas H. Kelley & Rachel A Bailey [illegible] and Mercy Ann Young - from Bolton Elizabeth T Babcock and Mary A Randal [illegible] the [illegible] and the

to those usually answered at this time
each of our monthly meetings

The subject of making an addition to the Select Preparative meeting having claimed the attendance of our Monthly Meet it was concluded to appoint Charles Hadson Joseph Gaskill and Phebe Pond to the station of elders; which after due consideration was united with by men and women friends at this time - Abigail Lennan is named to inform the Select Quarterly Meeting of the appointment of Phebe Pond

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed Phebe S Marsh, Ruth Hide and Elizabeth A Osborne are named to [illegible] ensuing year and report next Quarter

Realizing a continuation of Divine Blessing we conclude Jumposing to meet at Worcester in Second Month next if permitted

Elizabeth S. Marsh

Clerk for the day.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo 6th 1879. By the accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings &c, John Smith, Elizabeth A. Dixon, Hannah Aldrich, Alice Aller, Sarah A. Lee and Catherine Hallock, Woodbridge Hunnard Lippincott, Phebe S. Marsh and Eleanor Buffum. Bolton, Mary A Rowland and Sarah C Fox. All being called in present except two, one of whom sent a Satisfactory reason for non-attendance.

The committee named to bring forward the names of those persons to serve the next year as Elders, have reported the names of Sarah C Fox as Clerk and Eleanor Buffum as assistant which being approved by the meeting they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

The Second Friend Phebe H Lippincott in attendance at this meeting with a certificate from Quarterly meeting. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our esteemed Friend Lydia Congdon is likewise with us with a [illegible] minute from New Bedford monthly meeting. Her company has been acceptable. The queries have been in this meeting, [illegible] to that usually answered at this time, from our [illegible] meetings. An epistle from Indiana

Yearly Meeting has been read & is acceptable.

Under a sense of the continuation of Divine favour, we conclude, purposing to meet at Northbridge in 5th mo. next if permitted. Sarah B Fry. Clerk.

[illegible] Women Friends held at [illegible] 5th mo. 6th 1857. [illegible] received from the several monthly meetings the representatives [illegible] Sarah B Brandon, Mary B Osborne, Mary Moore, Ruth M Batty and [illegible] Mercy Ann Wing, Mary R Hadwen and Minerva Harmon from Bolton; Ruth Fry and Mary A Randall, who are present except one who sent a satisfactory reason for non-attendance. The queries have been read in this meeting [illegible] the several monthly Meetings. [illegible] The Yearly Meeting, by Phebe S Marsh, Elizabeth A Osborne, Mary B Harmon, Anne H Colton, Mary A Randall, Harriet N Rose, [illegible] to report their attendance at our next Quarterly Meeting.

Our esteemed Friend Isaac Jay is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Hopkinsiana monthly meeting, endorsed by Fairhaven Quarterly Meeting held at Hopkinsiana. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us. Our esteemed Friend Luke Thomas is likewise in attendance as his companion, with a [illegible] from New Garden.* His company is acceptable, and the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes which may be prepared for them.

With renewed feelings of thankfulness for the continuation of Divine favour, we conclude, purposing to meet at Bolton in 8th mo. next if permitted.

Sarah B Fry Clerk.

[illegible] to the Queries

1st [illegible] meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended [illegible] meetings, generally; a concern in this important duty is apparent with many of our members, the hour nearly observed, not much appearance of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour noticed when assembled.

2d Love and unity in good degree maintained among us, detraction mostly guarded against, and endeavours have been made to end differences.

* Wayne Co. Indiana

3d " We believe Friends generally endeavour to bring up those under their care in plainness and to dissuade them from reading pernicious books, and [illegible] recreation, and to be exemplary themselves.

4th " Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors, and the unnecessary frequentings of public resort, and to keep in moderation and temperance on other occasions.

5th " The circumstances of the poor are attended to, and [illegible] education, and [illegible] learning to fit them for business - some placed from among Friends

6th " Friends are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th " Friends are mostly clear in regard to the several particulars named in this query.

8th " Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and [illegible] accounts, are cautious to live within, just in the payment of their debts as far as appears, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th " Care is taken respecting needs and [illegible]

10th " Care has been taken to deal with [illegible] liability offended, and to place judgment according to our discipline.

At a [illegible] meeting of [illegible] Friends held at [illegible] the 9th 1875. By accounts received from the several monthly meetings, the representatives [illegible] Samuel Hodgson, Aaron Frederick, Agnes E. Peyton, Rachel Wilson and Sarah H. Wilson, [illegible] Lydia D. Hoag, Mary H. Hoag and Isabella H. Gaskill, Ellen Dillon, Edwin T. Wilson and [illegible] were present.

[illegible] monthly meetings have [illegible] Friends [illegible] appointed [illegible] attend [illegible] meeting [illegible] Friends [illegible] the request of [illegible] meetings, the report of

[illegible] appointed [illegible] meetings for the [illegible] years, the [illegible] purposes [illegible] meet at [illegible] the [illegible] day of [illegible]

Samuel C. Fry, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 6th 1855. By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Sarah C. Earle, Mary Ann Smithfield, Mary Mowry, Chloe Allen, Mercy Taber, Ruth M. Batty, and Benjamin [illegible], Jane E. Bixbee, Eleanor [illegible], Abagail Wheeler, Phebe S. March and Nancy Inman; from Bolton, Dinah [illegible] and [illegible], who are present. The queries have been read in this meeting, [illegible] answers to which have been acceptably read at this time. We have received a Memorial from Smithfield Monthly meeting, concerning our late friend and Sister Sylvia R. Hall. The testimony borne has been precious and comforting to us, and we trust that a desire has been raised in many hearts, to follow her as she endeavored to follow Christ.

The year having expired for which the Clerk and assistant were appointed, we appoint Phebe S. March and Polly Southwick to take the subject into consideration and report at our next Quarterly Meeting.

This meeting concludes, purposing to meet at Worcester in 2nd mo 14th next if permitted.

Sarah C. Fry, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester the 14th of 2nd mo. 1856. By accounts received from our several Monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield, Sarah C. Earle, Mary Ann Aldrich, Phebe Battey and Hannah Aldrich, Uxbridge, Sarah Sprague Margaret T. Taft and Eleanor Buffum, Bolton, Elizabeth W. Babcock and Jane F. Wheeler. Three of whom are absent for the non-attendance of two, satisfactory reasons were assigned. The committee appointed to confer with friends to act as clerk and assistant are united in proposing the re-appointment of Sarah C. Fry as clerk and Eleanor Buffum assistant which is acceptable to the meeting and they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The queries, with the ~~required~~ answers from each of our Monthly meetings have been read at this time — also, Epistles from our sisters in North Carolina and Ohio, and a desire expressed that we may be favored to treasure up for our edification and encouragement the excellent truths and counsel they contain.

We conclude purposing to meet in 5th month next at Northbridge if permitted.

Eleanor Buffum, Clerk for the day

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 5th mo 6th 1876 By reports from [illegible]

[illegible] Monthly meetings [illegible]

[illegible] Sarah B Smith, and Abigail Jones, from Milford [illegible] Esther, from [illegible] Minutes and Epistles, all of whom are present. The queries with the queries answers from our several monthly meetings have been read at this time, and a summary prepared, which when read and approved with an account to the Yearly meeting, by Mary B Varney, Ruth Fry, Sarah A Elvin, Mary D King, and Sarah H Lewis. An epistle from Indiana yearly meeting has been acceptably read at this time. The several [illegible] meet at Fairfield in 8th mo next if permitted.

Answers to Queries

Ans. 1st All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except a few made ones, on account of inclement weather, the hour nearly observed, not much appearance of sleep [illegible]

2d Love and unity are in a good degree maintained among us, detraction mostly guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge

3d Friends generally endeavour to bring those up under their care in plainness, and to discourage them from pernicious reading and corrupt conversation; and to be exemplary therein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

4th Friends are careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquours and frequenting places of public resort, and to observe moderation and temperance on other occasions.

5th [illegible] of the poor have been tenderly cared for, and they assisted in such business as they are capable of, their children partake of learning, more plentiful from among Friends.

6th We believe parents and heads of families, with the young and unmarried, are mostly careful, that all proceedings with regard to marriage [illegible] discipline.

7th Friends are generally clear as regards the several requirements of this query.

8th " Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, to be punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts, and to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th " Friends are careful as to records and certificates

10th " Care has been taken to deal with offenders as queried after, and judgments has been passed where necessary according to discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Bolton 17th of 2nd mo. 1856. By accts from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are, from Smithfield, Edward Borry & Susan, Thomas Mitchell and Catharine Comstock. from Uxbridge, Phebe S. Marsh, Minerva Taft, Thomas Batt and Hannah Sprague, from Bolton Elizabeth W. Bidwell and Cyprian Jones. who are present except three, for whose absence satisfactory reasons have been given. The queries with the required answers, have been read in this meeting

The representatives appointed at our last Quarterly meeting, to attend the yearly Meeting report that they attended. The epistle of the Boarding School Committee has been received and acceptably read at this time. The London printed Epistle has likewise been read, and desires have been felt and expressed, that we may rightly appreciate the excellent counsel therein contained.

The Men's meeting informs that they have united with Smithfield Monthly meeting in the appointment of Buffum Chase to the station of an Elder, with which this meeting unites.

The quarterly meeting is next at Uxbridge in 4th mo. 10th inst. if permitted.

Sarah C. Fry. Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo. 13th 1854

By accounts from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named, are from Smithfield Lucinda Buffum, Hannah S. Hodges, Elizabeth C. Battey, and Mary Steere. from Uxbridge, Mary C. Buffet, Ann H. Bolton, Hannah G. Randall and Harriet King from Bolton, Mary A. Randall and Jane F. Whitin, who are present. Eight for whose absence no satisfactory reason is given. One deceased Friend

a certificate from Whitewater monthly meeting, Indiana
endorsed by Whitewater Quarterly and Mo. Our esteemed
Friend Elizabeth Jeffrey is likewise with us, with a
certificate from Flatrock monthly meeting. Their
company and labours among us have been acceptable.

Our Friend William Jeffrey is in attendance of
this meeting with a certificate from the latter monthly
meeting to this

Our friend Rebecca Kennerly is also with us, with
a certificate from Whitewater monthly meeting. Her
company has been acceptable to us and she
is directed to sign returning minutes for the above
named Friends. The queries with the required
answers have been read at this time. * We have received
extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly meeting
which have been acceptably read. The year having
arrived for which the Clerk and Assistant were appointed
Nathaniel Newlin and Thos. S. Mark are appointed
to confer with suitable persons to serve the meeting the
ensuing year and report at our next meeting.
Under a feeling sense of divine favour, we conclude
to adjourn to meet at Worcester in 2d month next if
permitted.

Sarah C. Fry. Clerk.

* This meeting united with Smithfield monthly meeting in appointing
a public appearance in the ministry of Lydia B. Coe.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held
at Wrenshall 12th of 2d month 1877. By accounts from
several monthly meetings, the representatives therein
named are, from Smithfield, Maria Aldrich,
Sarah A. Earle, Eliza Allen, and Lydia B. Coe.
Blackstone Minerva Harmon, Ann Hutton, Abigail
Whitin and Sarah H. Earle, from Bolton Elizabeth W.
Babcock and Sarah C. Fry. who were present, &c.,
&c., for the absence of one, a satisfactory reason is given.

The queries with the requisite answers have been
read in this meeting. Our esteemed Friend Rebecca

[illegible] evening meeting.

Our esteemed Friend Jacob H. Tuning is also with
us, with a certificate from Ackworth monthly meeting.

Their company and labours among us have been
acceptable, and the Clerk is directed to sign returning
minutes which may be prepared for them.

[illegible] to change the time of holding the [illegible] by meeting at Wrightsville from two to 3 o'clock of the second day.

We conclude purposing to meet at Northbridge in fifth month next if permitted.

Sarah A. Fry Clerk.

Middlefield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Farmington 11th of 10th month 1899.

Accounts received from the several Monthly Meetings after appointment of Clerk, Reading and Correction, Minutes, Queries, Advices, Epistles, Marriages, Deaths, Absentees, Memorials, Testimonies, Certificates, Visiting Committees, Representatives to Yearly Meeting, Delegates to Conferences, Boards, Committees, Etc.

Minutes for absent officers appointed last Quarterly Meeting were read, and the appointments continued.

Sarah A. Cotton for Assistant, which being acceptable, she was directed to attend to that service the ensuing year. The queries have been read in this meeting, answers from each of our monthly meetings, have been received and carefully perused with the following minute and directions to the Yearly Meeting's Committee thereon.

Minutes of Visiting Committees were read, and Katharine Bowstead, and Mary R. Hoxie were appointed Representatives, who are desired to report their proceedings at our next Quarterly meeting.

We have at this time united with Kennett Quarterly meeting, in the appointment of Westbrook Meeting in the appointment of Elizabeth H. Babcock to Dover Station. We have also united with the same meeting in the appointment of Eleanor Babcock Speedy Dover to the Station of Elders.

Our next Quarterly meeting to be held at Dover in 2nd month next if permitted. Sarah A. Fry Clerk.

Where our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except in time of inclement weather, many of them not [illegible]

Ans 2d " Stone and Gravel are in a good degree prevented — Abstinence is mostly prescribed against it, and care is taken to avoid differences when there is

Ans 3d "

We fear there is a want of care with some in bringing up those under their care in plainness. Friends endeavour to bring up their children against pernicious reading and unprofitable conversation,

Ans 4th " We know of none who make an improper use of Spirituous liquors or frequent Taverns and places of public resort Moderation and Temperance are observed on account of births, marriages, burials and on other occasions

Ans 5th " The necessities of the poor have been relieved. their children Apprentice & learning, none placed out among Friends.

Ans 6th " Parents and Heads of families with the young ones under their care are generally careful diligent & circumspect with respect to marriage & conversation & Friends are clear in discipline.

Ans 7th " Our testimonies generally maintained with respect to the Blessed Truth & this Quarter.

Ans 8th " Friends are exercised to inspect their Affairs and settle their accounts — are punctual and just in the payment of their debts, and keep a line within the bounds of their circumstances.

Ans 9th " Records are attended to — Several Removals without Certificates when care has been taken.

Ans 10th " Care is taken to deal with Offenders in good degree as required, and Judgment is Stayed when it appears necessary according to Discipline.

At a Monthly Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton, 13th of 8th mo 1857.

By accounts given in at General Monthly Meetings, the Representatives thereto Married, are, from Lancaster, Rachel A Bailey, Mary J. Taylor, Rebecca L Munroe, and Mary Hoole, from Upholdy.

Rhoda S Mark, Mahlon Sharpless and Sarah H Evans from Bolton, Elias Thomas and Esther Peters from Concord and Joseph Gibbons from Middletown as the special reason is given. The representatives appointed at our last quarterly meeting to attend the yearly meeting, at Baltimore, with the required answers from our several Monthly meetings have been read at this time. Esther Thomas, one of the women ministers from Concord, and Joseph Gibbons, one of the men ministers from Middletown, have been read and are acceptable. We have at this time united with the men's meeting in approving a certificate prepared by this meeting and signed on behalf of our Friend Thomas Evans, liberating him to attend Baltimore and North Carolina yearly meetings and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement which may be prepared by the Quarterly meeting.

We conclude, purposing to meet at Smithfield in 11th mo. 11th next, if permitted.

Sarah H. Fry. Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo. 12th 1857. By accounts received from our several monthly meetings, the representatives therein named are, from Smithfield Esther Bates, Rhoda Mott, Mary H. Hadley, from Providence, Rhoda Mann, Sarah R. Hadley, Mary B Wing, Rhoda S Mark, and Susannah Sprague, from Bolton, Lucy F. Collins and Jane F. Mueller all of whom are present. The minutes with the required answers from our several monthly meetings have been read at this time.

Our esteemed friend Joseph F. Pratt is in attendance at this meeting, with a certificate from Unity monthly meeting, held at Uxbridge. His company and services have been acceptable to us.

His wife Martha E Pratt is likewise acceptably with us, with a certificate from the same monthly meeting. Our esteemed friend Nemel Hopkins is also in attendance with a certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting. His company and labours among us are acceptable. A certificate from the same monthly meeting on behalf of David Kelly companion to Nemel Hopkins has also been acceptably read, and the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes which may be prepared

for the above named Friends
Epistles from London, Dublin and New-York Yearly
meetings have been read to our satisfaction and
encouragement. With feelings of thankfulness for
favours we conclude
at Worcester the 2d. month next if permitted

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women
Friends held at Worcester the 11th of 2d month 1858.
By accounts
from our several monthly meetings the representatives
therein named are given. Smithfield, Sheba Arnold,
Avis B. Stone, Abigail S Hodges, Anna Inman and
Mary Aldrich. from Uxbridge, Thebe S Hearth,
from Bolton, Mary A Randall and Lucy P. Collins.
who are present except one, for whose absence a
satisfactory reason is given. The queries with the
required answers from our several monthly meetings
have been read in this meeting.
Our esteemed Friend Thomas B Nichols is in attendance
at this meeting, with a certificate from Wassamtico
monthly meeting held at East Wassamtico. His
company and labors among us are acceptable.
Epistles from Baltimore and North Carolina Yearly
meetings have been acceptably read at this time.
Thomas Brown informed this meeting, that he
has accomplished the service for which he was
liberated at 6th month last, and produces satisfactory
minutes from Baltimore and North Carolina yearly
meetings and Baltimore quarterly meeting, and
Uxbridge, the same monthly meeting to which
he belongs in addition, recommend to Worcester and
New-York monthly meeting.
The case having stood for which the Clerk and
Friends were appointed, we appoint Sheba Arnold
and Eliza A Colburn to confer with Friends suitable
for that service and report at our next meeting.
We conclude, hoping to meet at Northbridge
in 9th month next if permitted

Sarah C Fry, Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends
held at Uxbridge 10th of 9th month 1858

By accounts received from our several
monthly meetings the representatives therein

named are from Smithfield - Sarah A Earle, Roanna W Groves Mary B Osborne Rachel A Bailey and Ruth M Bailey - Uxbridge - Mary B Young, Hannah Sprague and Ann B Earle - Bolton - Dinah Rennison and Sarah P Wheeler. who being called we found except one for whose absence a satisfactory excuse was assigned - The committee appointed to report the names of friends to serve the meeting as clerk have reported Ann B Earle as Clerk and Ann H Cole as assistant with which the meeting unites and the same are appointed for the ensuing year. The queries were then read and with answers from all our monthly meetings from which a summary was prepared which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Sarah A Earle Anne Maria Earle Mary B Young Hannah Sprague Ann H Osborne and Ann B Earle whom we appoint as representatives and request them to report their attendance at our next meeting

Sarah Hill [illegible] informs us that they are united in appointing Anne Maria Crowley and Roanna W Groves to the station of elders with which this meeting unites. Epistles from Ohio and Indiana have been read and were acceptable and encouraging to us

We conclude [illegible] to meet at Bolton in eighth month next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clk

Queries

Ans 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except a few small meetings which were omitted on account of indisposition and inclement weather yet a remissness in this important duty is apparent - the hour nearly observed and friends are mostly preserved from sleeping or other misbecoming behaviour therein

Ans 2nd - Love and unity generally maintained - detraction mostly guarded against mostly clear of differences

Ans 3rd - We believe a concern remains with most friends to keep up those under

under their care in plainness and to discourage pernicious reading and corrupt conversation Friends are mostly careful to be exemplary therein selves - The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families

Ans 4th — Friends are careful to avoid the use of Spirituous liquors and the frequenting places of public resort and to keep in a sober watchful manner on all occasions

Ans 5th — The circumstances of the poor are attended to - care is taken with regard to the education of children - none placed from among Friends

Ans 6th — Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are mostly careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

Ans 7th — Our testimony generally maintained as regards the several parts of this Query

Ans 8th — Friends appear to be careful to transact their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th — Careful in regard to records, some removals without certificates but under notice

10th — Care is taken to deal with offenders in some measure as the discipline requires though not always as seasonable as would be best and a desire is felt that judgment may be timely in the exercise of truth according to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 6th mo 12th 1815

By accounts received from our two meetings the representatives are from Smithfield Lydia Tyler, Lucy Paxson Susan Hoge and Rachel Batten - Uxbridge - Mary Young Mary A Hadwen and Minerva Farnum Bolton - Lois Tyler and Mary A Randall - the being called are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given

[illegible] Deborah C Kinsdale [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Southern this meeting endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement. Her company and religious services have been acceptable to us - Our esteemed friend Maria Lovell is also in attendance as companion to our friend Deborah C Kinsdale with a minute of concurrence from Southern No Meeting her company has been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign returning minutes in their behalf

[illegible] from each of our Monthly Meetings

Our beloved friend Clarey Thompson attended this meeting [illegible] with a certificate from Bloomingdale Pa[illegible] in Richland Quarterly Meeting [illegible] of their unity with [illegible] in his present engagement. His company and religious [illegible] acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Lydia Thompson is also in attendance as companion her husband with a minute from Bloomington Pa Meeting Her company is acceptable to us -

Our beloved friend Obadiah Chase attended this [illegible] with a minute of unity from Swansea Pa Meeting Rhode Island - His company and religious services have been acceptable to us - and the Clerk is directed to sign returning minutes on behalf of this Yearly Meeting

Information is received that the representatives to the Yearly Meeting [illegible] attended

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been received and read and is acceptable to us - The minutes of the last Yearly Meeting have been read and were acceptable.

The committee proposing to meet at Smithfield in 11th mo next is permitted

Ann B Cook Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 11th 1859

The representatives from our several Monthly meetings were present except Rebecca T. Hoover Elizabeth J Rathbone and Ruth M. Taylor Ann H Cox Phebe L Mann Hannah Shaggle and Mercy Ann Young - Bolton Maria Babcock and Mary A Randall who being called are all present

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our monthly meetings

The London Friends epistle brought with much counsel and encouragement has been read and we desire that its truths may sink deep into our minds

Epistles from our sisters of London and Dublin Yearly Meetings have been read and were acceptable

We conclude proposing to meet at Lonsdale in second month next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Lonsdale 2nd mo 10th 1859

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives named are from Smithfield - Lydia B. Lee, Alice B. Steere, Maria Aldrich and Lucy A Paysone Uxbridge - Phebe L Mann Ann H Colton Minerva Sammons and Mercy Ann Young Bolton - Phebe Wheeler and Dinah Simmons who being called are present except two

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our two meetings - The report six small meetings unattended - Our beloved friend Samuel Taylor attended this meeting with a minute from Sydney two meetings expressive of their unity with him in his present engagement His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us - Our beloved friend Thomas B Hicks attended this meeting with a certificate of unity from Wassalboro Two meeting His company and religious services have been acceptable to us

Epistles from our friends of New York, Baltimore, South Carolina and Ohio Yearly meetings have been read at this time and are acceptable to us.

We conclude to propose to meet at Southbridge in 5th mo next if permitted

Ann B Cole Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Southbridge 5th mo 12th 1859

The representatives named in the account from our several two meetings are from Smithfield Ruth H Battey and Roana W Grover Friend Lydia Aldrich and Maria Aldrich Uxbridge — Ann B Cole Elizabeth Southwick from Sutton Mercy Brown and Phebe Mann — Bellingham Lucy F Collins and Mary A Randall who are all present but one.

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our two meetings from which we have prepared a summary which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Ann B Cole, Lucy F Collins, Mary A Randall and Roana W Grover Ann B Cole and Mercy Ann Young whom we appoint our representatives and request them to report their attendance at our next meeting.

An epistle from the Yearly meeting of Indiana has been read and was accepted.

This meeting has united with Bolton two meetings in approving the publication of the writings of Lucy F Collins and of Lydia B Law.

We concluded to propose to meet at Bolton in eighth mo next if permitted

Ann B Cole Clerk

Summary

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except eleven — Ten of these occasioned in one very small meeting and were occasioned by sickness and inclement weather

The hour is generally observed — friends are mostly restrained from sleeping — and no other unbecoming behaviour noticed in our meetings.

Ans 2nd Love and unity generally maintained — detraction mostly guarded against no differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3rd " Friends are mostly careful to bring up those under their care in plainness — to dissuade them from improper reading and corrupt conversation are generally exemplary herein themselves & their families

Ans 4th " We believe friends are generally careful to observe the several parts of this query

Ans 5th " The poor and those that need assistance are attended to and their necessities relieved — Their children have the advantages of education — We know of none placed from among friends

Ans 6th " Parents and heads of families are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline

Ans 7th " Our testimony generally maintained as regards the several parts of this query

Ans 8th " Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

Ans 9th " Careful in regard to records — Some removals without certificates in which Some care has been taken.

Ans 10th " Care is taken to deal with offenders in the ability afforded, and to please judgment when necessary according to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 6th mo 11th 1857

By accounts received from our several mo. meetings the representatives named are from Smithfield Lucy B Payson Sarah B Cranston Eunice M Potter Phebe Andrews and Maria Hadwin — Uxbridge Margaret Tift Ruth Smith Hannah Colton and Mary Thing — Bolton Eliza Wheeler and Lydia Bassett are present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason is given The queries have been read and the answers to the three usually answered — Two meetings for worship and one for discipline have been unattended since our last account — Our beloved friend Esther Douglas attended this meeting with a certificate of unity from Dr Town Meeting — His companion and religious services being [illegible] to us

The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed — Hannah Marsh and Mary Bowne are appointed to confer with persons for that service and report at our next meeting

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended

The report of the Boarding School committee Extracts from the Epistles of our last Yearly Meeting and an epistle from our Sisters of London Yearly Meeting have been read and were acceptable to us — We conclude proposing to meet at Smithfield on 11th month next if permitted

Ann B Eadle
Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 10th 1858

The representatives named in the account from our several monthly meetings are present Smithfield Lucy B Whitbeck, Sarah B Cranston Lucy H Keech and Ruth M Bates

Uxbridge — Sixth Month 24th 1830 Sabbath morning
Present Samuel and Ann B. Cook
Bolton Jane F. Wheeler and Lydia B. Sawyer
who are present except two for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given
The committee appointed to confer with persons to serve the meeting as clerks not being ready to report at this time the subject is opened in their case until our next meeting
The queries have been read with the usual answers from each of our monthly meetings — one meeting unattended since our last account.
The London Epistle filled up containing much excellent counsel and instruction has been read at this time to our satisfaction
We conclude proposing to meet at Worcester in Second Month next if favorable
Ann B Cook Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo 6th 1830
By the accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives are from Smithfield Anna T Read Mercy Aldrich Uxbridge Mercy Read and Lydia B Cook Cumberland Abbe Pond Eleanor Thompson and Abigail Ann Darling — Bolton Jane F Wheeler and Lydia B Sawyer
The committee appointed to confer with persons to serve the meeting as Clerks report in favor of the reappointment of Ann B Cook as Clerk and Ann H Collins as assistant which being united to by the meeting they are accordingly appointed for one year
Our beloved friend Elizabeth Paige is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Iowa Mo Monthly Meeting [illegible] and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute

[illegible] meetings — Seven meetings [illegible]
[illegible] from the [illegible]
New York Baltimore North Carolina and
Ohio [illegible] and and were acceptable to us — We conclude [illegible]
[illegible] Southbridge [illegible]
next [illegible]

At Southbridge Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Southbridge 5th mo 10th 1850
We have received accounts from our several mo meetings and the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Phebe A Mowry Ruth M Battey Lucy G Payson Maria Aldrich Uxbridge — Mercy Ann Irving Mary R Hadwen [illegible] Lucy T Collins and Sarah H Wheeler as is being called are all present except one
The queries have all been read with answers from the monthly meetings from which we have received [illegible] for the present meeting and Phebe A Mowry Ann K Colton Ruth M Battey Lucy G Payson Mercy Ann Irving [illegible] and Mary R Hadwen are named as representatives to attend the same with the business from this and upon [illegible] meeting
An epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting to be read at this time and it having been felt that we may profit by the excellent counsel therein contained
Dear friends impressed on this [illegible] with fervent desires for [illegible] the just approbation in the ministry of Christ [illegible] with which this meeting
concurs
We appoint our esteemed friend Phebe A Mowry to attend Portsmouth [illegible] 5th mo next if favoured
Ann K Colton
assistant

Testimony

1st Has our meeting been diminished except two for worship, generally by the greater part of our members — The hour nearly observed — Not much appearance of sleep — No other unbecoming behavior noticed

2nd Love and unity maintained Friends mostly careful to guard against detraction no differences that we know of

3rd We believe friends endeavor to bring up those under their direction care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel — to dissuade them from [illegible] and conversation are generally exemplary herein themselves The Holy Scriptures are in most frequently read in families

4th We know of none who make an improper use of spirituous liquors, who frequent taverns or places of public resort — Moderation observed on the account of births marriages funerals and on other occasions

5th The poor and those that need assistance are attended to and their necessities relieved Our children have the advantages of education we know of none taught from among friends

6th Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that their proceedings with regard to marriage are conformable to Discipline

7th Our testimony generally maintained as respects the above part of this query

8th Friends appear careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, they are punctual to their promises and just in the payment of their debts and are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th Case is taken respecting records. Some removals without certificates

10th Case is taken to deal with offenders in the ability, order and [illegible] judgment concerning its discipline.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th. mo. 9th. 1860

The Representatives named in the accounts are, from Smithfield, Diana C. Aldrich, Ruth McBatty, Maria Aldrich, and Catharine Comstock, Uxbridge Hannah Aldrich Mary C. Wing, Polly Southwick, and Susanna Sammis, Sutton Lydia B. Dow and Ruth Fry, who being called are all present except one -

The queries have been read with answers to the first, second, and tenth - six meetings attended since our last account -

The Representatives to the Yearly meeting [illegible] that they are attended.

The Botsford School report a minute prepared by the meeting for Sufferings in relation to the official steps to be taken in liberating Ministers for Religious service, a minute from Ohio Yearly meeting in regard to love and unity, extracts from the minutes of our own Yearly Meeting, and a transcript of epistle from Dublin, have all been read and are acceptable and satisfactory to us.

We conclude our Meeting to meet at Smithfield in eleventh month next if permitted -

Anne A. Earle Clk -

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 8th 1860

By accounts received from the several Monthly meetings the representatives are from Smithfield - Maria Buffum Rachel A Bailey Mary E Read and Roanna W Green Uxbridge Hannah K Colton Phebe Pond Mercy Sutton - Boston Sarah B.

W Babcock and Jane F. Wheeler all present except two who were prevented by indisposition.

The queries have been read with the answers from all the monthly meetings to the 1st 2nd and 10th Two meetings have been omitted since our last account

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired Ann B Cole and Catharine Comstock are named as a committee to confer with suitable persons for that service and report to our next meeting

Epistles have been read at this time from our sister Quarterly Meetings South Carolina Yearly Meetings which are strengthening and encouraging to us

It is felt that the Canopy of Heavenly love has been over us at this time under a feeling of which we conclude to meet at Worcester in 2nd mo next if permitted

Ann K Colton Clk for the day

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd and 4th days of 2nd mo 1867

The representatives named in the several monthly meetings are from Smithfield Elizabeth Osborne Lydia B Coe, Lucy H Eaton & Phebe Bates Uxbridge Hannah Mason Ann Read Irons and Ann R Hadwen Bolton Jane F Wheeler and Elizabeth W Babcock present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned

The committee named to confer with suitable persons to serve the meetings as clerks have reported the names of Ann B Cole for Clerk and Ann Colton for assistant who being present to the meeting they are severally appointed for one year

The queries had been read with answers from the three monthly meetings and from all our two preparative meetings one meeting omitted since our last account. The London printed Epistle of 1867 with much care counsel and exhortation and transcripts of Epistles from Ohio and Western Yearly Meetings have been read to our strength and encouragement.

we conclude proposing to meet at Smithfield
in fifth month next if permitted 5th 1st day
Sam B Cook Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Woodbury
Friends held at Burlington 5th day 4th mo 1861
By accounts received from the several
Mo meetings the representatives therein named
are from Smithfield Mary A Cook Sarah
B Cranston Mary J Grover and Ruth H.
Battey Rahway Sarah R Cornell Mary
Gardiner and Mary B Ewing - Salem
Mary A Randall and Sarah A Corlies
who are all present
The queries have been read with answers
from each of our Mo. meetings from which
we have prepared a summary which we
forward to the Yearly Meeting by our friends
Lucy Collins Margaret A. Ruth H.
Battey Roanna W. Grover Mary R Haddon
and Elizabeth W Babcock whom we appoint
our representatives and request them to
report their attendance at our next meeting
We conclude proposing to meet at Burlington
in eighth month next if permitted
Sam B Cook Clerk

Answers.

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious
worship and discipline have been attend-
ed except five those on first days by
most friends - Sundry meetings small
small the hour nearly observed Friends
are mostly preserved from sleep and other
unbecoming behavior

2nd

Love and unity are generally maintained
among us - detraction guarded against by
most Friends - We know of no differences

3rd

We believe most friends are careful to train
up those under their direction in habits
to dissuade them from frivolous reading
and unprofitable conversation and are ex-
emplary herein themselves - The Holy Scriptures are
are frequently read in their families

4th

Friends are earnestly to avoid the use of spirituous liquors and promoting them at public meetings and to keep in moderation and temperance on all other occasions

5th

The poor and those that need assistance are attended to and their necessities relieved Our children have the advantage of education we know of none placed from among us

6th

Most parents and heads of families are careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline two instances have occurred where persons have married out of the order of society

7th

Our testimony generally maintained as to the several parts of this query

8th

Friends appear careful to meet their yearly and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises just in the payment of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

9th

Care taken as to Records and Certificates

10th

Care is taken among friends to deal with offenders as occasion arises and to pass judgment where it appears necessary for discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 8th 1811

The accounts received from the several monthly meetings the representatives therefrom at Smithfield Lucy Pearson Elizabeth Pearson Hannah Greave and Elizabeth Atkinson Unbridge Minutes Yearly Meeting Mary Rawlinson Bolton Mary Smith Tickhill who are present

The queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from all our monthly meetings

The representatives to the Q. meeting report that they attended to their service with much satisfaction

Our beloved friend Daniel Jackson is in attendance at this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Bridgport Monthly Meeting Indiana entered in Plainfield Quarterly Meeting - His gift in the ministry and gospel labors are acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to signify such to him as may be required by our friends

The report of the Boarding School committee has been read & the minutes of our late Yearly Meeting

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude to adjourn to meet at Smithfield on the eleventh day next 9th mo.

Signed

Assistant Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 12th 1881

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives appointed are from Smithfield Elizabeth J Haithcock Mary Eliza Jones Aldrich and Sarah B Chandler Upperco Anna E Cockey Sarah M Hutchinson and Mary E Jones Dolan Elizabeth W Peacock and Mary A Randall who being called are all present The minutes have been read with the required answers from each of our Monthly meetings Our beloved friend Gilbert Congdon is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Sandy Spring Monthly meeting His communications and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

A minute of advices from our Yearly Meeting an epistle from London Yearly Meeting to Friends of North America and one to New England Yearly meeting have been read and were acceptable to us

We conclude appointing to meet at Cornish in 2nd month next if permitted

Anna B Cockey Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo 13th 1872.

The representatives named in the several accounts are from Smithfield Anna Mowry Thebe A Hartwell Lydia B Cox and Hannah Sprague Uxbridge Thebe M Aldrich Thebe T Nash and Elizabeth Capron Bolton Susan C Chesebro and Jane F Chesebro who being called we present The minutes have been read with minutes of the first second and tenth from each of our two meetings - The time having expired for which the clerks were appointed Anna B Cox and Mary R Hadwen are named to confer with suitable persons for the next service and report at our next meeting

Our beloved friend William J Chase is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of his concurrence from his monthly meeting Dartmouth His company and religious services have been acceptable to us - A minute has been read from Seabrook monthly meeting on behalf of our beloved friend Reynell Cadwalader expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement - His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes which may be prepared for both these friends

Epistles from Dublin Baltimore and Iowa have been read to our encouragement

The business being accomplished we conclude to propose to meet at Northbridge on 5th day before 8th month next if permitted

Anna B Cox Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 8th 1872.

The representatives named in the accounts are, from Smithfield Hannah C. Read, Lucy H. Taylor, Ruth M. Batten & Hannah Aldrich - for Worcester Hannah Bassett, Thebe T. Nash and Ann B. Earle - Bolton Thebe Hadley and Lucy F. Collins, who being called are present except three - The committee appointed to confer with friends to serve the meeting as clerks, propose the reappointment of Ann B. Earle for clerk and Ann C. Cotton for assistant, which being agreeable to the meeting

... are accordingly appointed for one year –

... queries have been read with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings from which we have perfect ...

... Our beloved friend Francis R. Thomas of the New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends in Indiana, ... Ezekiel Hill presented a copy of a minute from ... minute on his behalf –

... read to our edification – we conclude ... ing to meet at Carlton in 8th mo next if ... –

Answers

1st –

... our meetings ... unbecoming behaviour noticed –

2nd –

Love and unity are in a good degree maintained, ... have come to our knowledge –

3rd –

... tion, and are generally exemplary in ... – the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in ...

4th –

... know of none who make an improper use of spirituous liquors, who frequent taverns or places of public resort –

6th-

[illegible] all proceedings with respect to marriage be [illegible] to our Discipline-

7th-

[illegible] trained with [illegible] the several parts of this Query-

8th-

[illegible] are generally [illegible] their accounts, punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances-

9th-

Exact as to Records- care taken in regard to removals [illegible]-

10th-

Care is taken to deal with offenders in the abilities afforded and to place [illegible] when necessary according to Discipline-

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 7th d 1854-

The representatives named in the accounts are from Smithfield Abigail S Hadges Maria Aldrich Ruth A Batten and Lydia P Coe- Uxbridge Mary B Young Phebe L Mowry Mercy [illegible] and Ann P Smith Bolton Susan E Wheeler and Lydia Gates who being called are present except five for whose absence a satisfactory reason is assigned- The queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our two meetings- The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended- The women's meeting at Uxbridge not being held- A certificate has been read on behalf of our beloved friend Sarah Thomas Douglas from Dover Monthly Meeting embraced by Smithfield Quarterly Meeting Bolton Co this also a minute from Plainfield Mo meeting endorsed by Plainfield Quarterly Meeting Hendrick Co In- on behalf of our friend Eliza G Johnson from these friends we are satisfied as to her [illegible] and their concurrence and unity

have been acceptable to us — John B Macy
companion to Wm B Johnson presented a Minute
from [illegible] for [illegible]
his company has been acceptable to us
and the [illegible]
minutes which may be prepared for that
The report of the Standing Select Committee
and a copy of a minute from the [illegible]
in relation to the right performance of
the duty alluded to in the Tenth query
have been read — The concluded to adjourn
to meet at Smithfield in eleventh month
next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women
Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 13th 1862
The representatives named in the accounts
are from Smithfield Summit Elklin
Beech Branch Red R Bolton and Chapel
Hill Caldwell Upper Fall Creek Deep
R Bolton and Muddy Creek Deep Bolton
Mary A Randall and Susan Eldridge
who are all present — The queries have
been read with the general answers
from all a our [illegible] meetings — Epistles
from London Indiana Baltimore and
Baltimore have been read and were
acceptable to us The concluded to adjourn
to meet at Concord in 2nd month
next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women
Friends held at Concord 2nd mo
12th 1863 — By accounts received from
the [illegible] meetings
[illegible]
Mary B Bond [illegible]
Ruth Potter — Lydia Minnie
Rhoda S Meade and Mary H Hadley
Bolton Elizabeth B Babcock and Lydia
Evans who have [illegible]
Our Record [illegible]
attendance [illegible]
[illegible] Our meeting [illegible]

[illegible] with the
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting
[illegible] Ministry and Religious Services have been
[illegible] acceptable to us and the Clerk is instruct-
[illegible] to convey to them our unanimous
[illegible] Love
[illegible] have been read with the
[illegible] answers from each of our
[illegible] Meetings [illegible] Queries
[illegible] Minutes
[illegible] Epistles from Meetings
[illegible] proposes the appointment of Ruth Ann
Bailey to the Station of Elder with
which this meeting unites and Elizabeth T Babcock
is named to inform the Select Quarterly
Meeting of this appointment
[illegible] feeling that the Divine Favour
has been granted to us at this time
we conclude to adjourn to meet at Fall-
bridge on fifth month next if permitted

Ann B. Coale Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends
held at Valleyfield 5th mo 1st 1903
The representatives named in the 22nd to
the Yearly Meeting Joanna W Brown
Rachel L Bailey Ann B Coale and
Sarah R Brantom — Uxbridge Mercy Ann
Pim Margaret Ellis and Ann K Coale
Potts Lucy Collins and Hannah Cadbury
were present except two one a minor
but a satisfactory reason for her absence
The queries have been read and the
the answers from each of our five meetings
from which we have received a minute
which we find to be our friends Joanna
Rachel Ann & Sarah Lucy & Hannah
and Hannah Pennock Upon the whole our
representatives and concur have
united their endeavors at our meeting
Elizabeth W Babcock reports that she has
attended the Select Quarterly Meeting of the Appoint-
ment of Ruth Ann Bailey to the Station of Elder
Epistles from Ohio Indiana and Western Yearly
Meetings have been read and were acceptable
We conclude to adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock P.M.
at the usual place if permitted

Ann B Coale Clk

1st Mo. Are our meetings for worship and discipline kept to the time appointed except those which meet, omitted on account of the first days of the week, meetings for worship and discipline duly observed? Mostly. Clear of sleeping. No other misbecoming behaviour noticed.

2nd Mo. Love and unity generally maintained. Infractions speedily labored with and differences timely settled?

3rd Mo. We believe most Friends are careful to bring up their children in the truth. Do they encourage reading and unprofitable conversation? Are even those meetings conducted as to edify? Parents are frequently cast in their families.

4th Mo. Friends are careful to attend the meetings of this queries.

5th Mo. The poor and those that want assistance are attended to and their necessities relieved. Their children have the advantage of education. The poor among us avoid pride and vanity?

6th Mo. Friends are usually careful that proceedings respecting marriage are conformable to our discipline.

7th Mo. Our testimony generally maintained in regards the several points of this query.

8th Mo. The active Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts conformable to their promises agreeable to the amount of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances.

9th Mo. Friends are careful not to resort to removals without certificates.

10th Mo. Care is taken to deal with offenders as we direct in the discipline? Are visits often and to good advantage? Are meetings in the settlements regulated according to discipline?

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th & 9th 1853

By accounts received from our two meetings the representatives are from Smithfield Thirza Andrews Elizabeth J Rathbone Lucy G Paxson and Sherman J Battey Lexbridge Adam K Green Sherman Jenckes and Mary B Young - Bolton Sarah S Wheeler and Lydia G Evans - who are present except one - The queries have been read with answers to the three usually answered from all our two meetings The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report that they all attended except one who was prevented by ill health

The report of the Boarding School Committee and epistles from London Dublin and New York have been read and were acceptable to us - We conclude to propose to meet at Smithfield in 11th month next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th and 12th 1853

By accounts received from our several two Meetings the representatives are from Smithfield Lucy Jenckes Sherman Thirza Andrews and Mary Ann Steere Uxbridge Phebe Hunt from Providence Mercie Tobias and Rebecca A Arnold Bolton Mary Ann Sherman and Lucy Hoxie Coventry are all present

The queries have been read with the required answered from each of our monthly meetings

The time having arrived for which the Quarterly was appointed Phebe Hunt Mary A Sherman and Rebecca A Arnold are appointed to assist Lucy Jenckes in the service and report next quarterly Epistles from Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings have been read and were acceptable to us We conclude purposing to meet at Worcester on 2nd month next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clk.

At a midyearly Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Rodeesler 2nd mo 11th 1844
We have received accounts from our last two meetings and the representatives there named and from Smithfield Rebecca Brown Abigail S Batty Anna T Read and Nancy B Batty - Hebudes Peter Mark Sarah A Cadman and Abigail Brown Patten Lee Collins and Sarah Cheeson who have not are present except two - for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned The committee appointed to confer with persons for clerks have now report the names of Ann B Eaves for Clerk and Anna K Cox for assistant with which this meeting unites and they are accordingly appointed for one year - The queries have been read with answers from each of our two meetings - Our beloved friend Samuel Boyce attended this meeting with a minute of a minute from Salem monthly Meeting - His company and religious labors have been acceptable to us - Our beloved friend William S Richardson attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Rhode Island Mo Meeting - His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us - Our beloved friend Rachel P Nichols is in attendance of this meeting as companion to her husband Thomas B Nichols - her company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes on their behalf
The next adjournment to meet at Smithfield bridge on 5th mo next 1 o'clock P.M.
Ann B Eaves Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Southbridge 5th mo 12th 1881
We have received reports from all our mo meetings and the representatives are from Smithfield Phebe A Marble Elizabeth S Rathbun Roanna W Grover and Ruth M Batten Uxbridge Phebe S Hawk Ann K Bolton and Phebe Pond Bolton Jane F Wheeler and Lydia B Dow who are present except one
Our beloved friend Susan Howland is in attendance at this meeting with a minute from New Bedford mo meeting expressive of their unity with her in her present engagement - Her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us
Our esteemed friend Lydia Congdon is in attendance of this meeting as companion to her sister Susan Howland Her company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish them with certified minutes -
The queries have been read with answers from each of our mo meetings from which we have prepared a summary which we forward to the yearly meeting held by our friends Phebe S Marble Abigail S Batten Roanna W Grover Lydia B Dow and Edwin B Jones whom we appoint our representatives and request them to report at our next - meeting
We conclude for purposing to meet at Bolton in 8th mo next if permitted
Ann B Jones Clerk

Answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except one for discipline omitted on account of extreme cold weather - generally by the most of our members though there is a remissness on the part of some in this important duty - the plain manners observed friends are mostly preserved in keeping no other unbecoming behaviors noticed when assembled

2 Love and unity generally maintained

Detraction mostly guarded against - If any differences have come to our knowledge

3rd Friends generally endeavor to bring up those under their care in plainness and to restrain them from pernicious reading and ~~unprofitable~~ corrupt conversation

4th They endeavor to be exemplary herein themselves - The Book of Discipline are generally read in most families

4th Friends are generally careful to avoid the use of spirituous liquors except for medicine also the unnecessary frequenting of taverns and places of public resort and to keep in true moderation and temperance on the account of births marriages burials and on other occasions

5th The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved their children duly partake of learning - none placed from among friends

6th Meetings clear in the several parts of this query

7th We believe friends are generally careful to maintain a faithful testimony in the various parts of this query (the instance of receiving State aid from militia fines)

8th Friends are generally careful in regard to the several particulars of this query

9th Careful as to records - Some removals without certificates in which due care has been taken

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders as the queries requires and to pass judgment where it appears necessary accordance to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 11th, 1864.

We have received account from all our monthly meetings and the representatives therein named are from Smithfield, Ezra and Grace Lydia Bosworth Mary Ann Eddy to Parson & Lucretia Steere - Uxbridge, Wm Bowne Mary Eddy, Minerva Wilcox - Bolton Lydia Bliss and Lucy Collins who are present

excuse two one of whom sent a satisfactory
reason for her absence — Our beloved
friend Mary A Peckham is in attendance
at this meeting with a certificate from
New Bedford Quarterly meeting endorsed by
Betsey's Quarterly Meeting & Dartmouth
in unison of their unity and sympathy
with her in her present engagement Her
company and gospel labors have been
acceptable to us —

The queries have been read with the re
quired answers from each of our two meetings
The representatives to the Y Meeting report
that they all attended

A minute on behalf of our esteemed
friend Daniel P. Kenyon from New Bedford
has been read He is in attend
ance at this meeting as companion to his
wife His company is acceptable to us

The report of the Boarding School com
mittee and the London Printed Epistle
have been read and were acceptable to us
Our beloved friend Thomas Grover laid
before this meeting a prospect which has
for sometime attended his mind to pay
a visit in gospel love to the meetings
of Canada West The Yearly Meeting of Ohio
and one or more meetings going and
returning — He was informed that he
has been liberated by his monthly meeting
of Smithfield — Much unity and sympathy
with him were expressed and the Clerk is
directed to sign an endorsement to be
placed on his certificate

The concluded purposing to meet at
Smithfield in eleventh mo next if permitted

Ann B Cale Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women
Friends held at Smithfield 9th mo 10th 1864
The representatives named in the accounts
received from our different monthly meetings
are from Smithfield Mercy Aldrich Rachel
D Grover Mary Stone and Abigail L Batty
Inwood Ruth C Tredwell Minerva Farnum
and Phebe D Nash — Bolton Sarah H

Wheeler. who being called are all present this day
The Clerk being absent Mary B Read was appointed to
The queries have been read in this meeting
with the required answers from all our five
meetings — Transcripts of epistles
from our visitors of London Dublin and
New York Yearly Meetings have been read
at this time and were acceptable
We conclude purposing to meet at Wrightsborough
in 2nd month next if permitted
Mary B Read Clerk
pro tem

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women
Friends held at Wrightsborough 2nd mo 9th 1854
By accounts received from our several
five meetings the representatives therein
named are from Smithfield Mary B.
Read Thirza Andrews Hannah Aldrich
and Hannah J Batten — Uphinder Mary
B Young Mary R Hickerson and Isabella
M Gaskell Bolton Lucy F Collins &
Susan G Wheeler who are all present
The queries have been read with the
required answers from each of our monthly
meetings
The time having expired for which
the clerks were appointed Phebe D Peacock
and Lucy F Collins are nominated to con-
fer with persons for that service and
report to our next meeting
Transcripts of epistles from our visitors
of Baltimore North Carolina Ohio In-
diana Western and Iowa Y Meetings
have been read and were acceptable
Our beloved friend Thomas Drowe
the minister granted him by this
meeting in Eighth mo last with the
information that he had accomplished
the visit contemplated at that time to
the peace of his own mind and he also
presented testimonials of the satisfaction of
friends among whom he was engaged
We concluded purposing to meet at Bush
bridge in fifth mo next if permitted
Ann B Earle Clk.

At Smithfield 2 Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 5th mo 11th 1865

The representatives named in the accounts are from Smithfield Sarah B Adamson Ruth M Batley Roana W Grover and Maria Aldrich - No account from Uxbridge Bolton Mary Randall and Lewis Collins who being called are all present

The minutes have been read with answers thereto from two of our mo meetings from which we have prepared a summary and forward to the Q Meeting by our representatives The be Andrews Roana W Grover Anna B Jones Elizabeth W Babcock Maria Aldrich and Lucy G Vaux and they are requested to report their attendance to our next meeting

The committee appointed to select clerks for this meeting propose Ann B Earle for clerk and Mary B Read for assistant which being united with they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year

Our beloved friend Isaac Jay is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Mississinawa monthly meeting endorsed by Mississinawa 2 Meeting his company and religious engagements have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Rhoda Jay is also with us at this time as companion to her husband Isaac Jay her company has been acceptable to us

Men friends inform that they have united with Smithfield Mo Meeting in the appointment of Nelson Taft to the station of an elder with which this meeting unites

The concluded propose to meet at Bolton in 8th mo next - Submitted

Mary B. Read Clerk
for the day

Answers

1

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except one for discipline owing to disposition and stormy weather

The hour mostly observed mostly preserved
from sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour noticed

2nd

Love and unity are generally maintained
detraction usually guarded against we know
of no differences amongst us

3rd

Some friends manifest a care to bring up
those under their direction in plainness
and to keep them from pernicious reading
and corrupt conversation and to be themselves
plain therein themselves - The Holy Scriptures
are frequently read in most Friends families

4th

Friends are careful to avoid the use of
spirituous liquors except for medicine the
unnecessary frequenting of places of public
resort and to keep in moderation on
other occasions

5th

The circumstances of the poor have been
inspected and their necessities relieved
their children freely partake of learning
none placed from among friends

6th

Parents and heads of families with the young
and remanent are generally careful that
all proceedings with regard to marriage
be conformable to our discipline

7th

Most friends are careful to observe this
queen

8th

Friends are generally careful to inspect their
affairs and settle their accounts punctual
to their promises and just in the payment
of their debts and careful to live within
the bounds of their circumstances

9th

Careful as to records some removals without
certificates some care taken

10th

Care is taken to deal with offenders as
the queen requires and to please judgment
according to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 10th of 8th mo 1865
By accounts received from our several Mo Meetings the representatives thereto named are from Smithfield — Thisbe Andrews Maria Aldrich Lucy G Payson and Mary B Read — Uxbridge Minerva Thurston Mary B Taft Mary R Hadwen and Isabella McGuskell Bolton Sarah Simmons and Sarah P Wheeler who are present except one

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our Mo meetings — The representatives to the Q. Meeting report that they all attended except one who gave a satisfactory reason for her non attendance

Information is received from Smithfield that they have concluded to appoint Abigail L Batty to the station of elder with which this meeting unites

Our beloved friend Robert Walter Douglas attended this meeting with a certificate from Clear Creek monthly meeting endorsed by Scituate Quarterly Meeting which His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

The report of the Boarding School committee and the minutes of our last Q Meeting have been read and were acceptable to us

We conclude proposing to meet at Smithfield in eleventh mo next if permitted

Ann B Cook Clk

At Smithfield 2. Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 9th 1865
The representatives named in the accounts ~~etc~~ from our several Mo meetings are from Smithfield Hannah R Aldrich Thisbe B Steere Maria Aldrich and Lucy G Payson — Uxbridge Ann B Taft Minerva Thurston and Mary R Hadwen Bolton Jane P Wheeler and Mary A Randall who being called are present except one

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our two meetings
Our beloved friends Timothy C Collins attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from South Kingston Mo Meeting
Our beloved friend Powell Hoxie is also with us at this time with a minute of unity from Sandwich Mo Meeting - their companion and religious engagement have been truly acceptable to us - The clerk is directed to sign returning minutes in their behalf
Transcripts of Epistles from our Yearly Meetings London Dublin and New York & Meetings have been read at this time and were acceptable to us
This meeting concludes purposing to meet at Worcester in Second month next if permitted

Mary B Read Asst Clerk

At Smithfield 2 Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd day 8th 1866
By accounts received from our several Mo Meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Elizabeth S Ralston Lydia B Tew Sarah Osborne Esther Osborne and Maria Aldrich - from Uxbridge Margaret Taft Phebe S Marsh and Eliza B King - Bolton Sarah H Wheeler and Elizabeth W Babcock who are present except three - The queries have been read with answers to the three usually answered from each of our Mo Meetings -
Our beloved friend Joseph D Hoag attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Salem Mo Meeting Iowa - His companion and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign a returning minute in his behalf
We have also with us at this time several beloved friends from neighboring Quarterly meetings without minutes from their respective meetings whose

company and religious services have been acceptable and encouraging to us. Epistles from Baltimore, North Carolina and Ohio Y meetings have been read and were acceptable to us
We conclude proposing to meet at Northbridge in fifth month next 1st day
Ann B Earle Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo 10th 1850
The representatives named in the accounts from our different mo meetings are from Smithfield Elizabeth T Rathbun Ruth A Ballou Lucy T Paine and Phebe A Marble— Uxbridge Phebe T Marsh Minnie Taunton and Ann B Earle Bolton Jane T Peckham and Lucy F Colvin who are all present— The queries have been read with answers from all our Mo meetings from which a Summary has been prepared which we forward to the Y Meeting by our friends
Phebe Andrews Phebe T Marsh Ann B Earle Lucy F Collins Mary A Randall and Elizabeth T. Rathbun whom we appoint our representatives and request them to report their attendance at our next quarterly meeting
Our beloved friend Samuel Rhoads attended this meeting with a certificate from Sandwich Mo Meeting and was kindly received
Smithfield Mo Meeting— His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us—
We feel bro Moses Brown that they have appointed Lucy F Paine to the Station of elder with which this meeting unites, near friends concurring therein and Phebe Angell is named to inform the Select Mo Meeting of the appointment— The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Phebe T Marsh and Phebe Andrews are appointed to bring forward the names of suitable persons for the service
We conclude proposing to meet at Bolton on eighth month next if permitted
Ann B Earle Clk

Ans 1st

all our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except one, tho not so generally by all our members as is desirable. The hour is observed. Friends are generally preserved from sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour noticed.

Ans 2nd

Love and unity in a good degree maintained amongst us, and all grievances that happen are timely attended to.

Ans 3rd

A care remains with most friends to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech behaviour and appearance, & their children from infancy are instructed in the holy Scriptures, are frequently read in their families.

4th

Friends are careful to avoid the receiving persons into membership who are addicted to drinking, & to keep in due moderation as they grow in years.

5th

The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and their necessities relieved, their children freely partake of learning to fit them for business - none placed from among friends.

6th

Parents and heads of families with the young and unmarried are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline.

7th

Friends generally comply with regard to the several points in this query.

8th

Friends appear to be careful to maintain the several requisitions of this query.

9th

Care is taken in regard to records, some removals without certificates, several of which are without the limits of any active meeting.

Ans B. Eck

can, taken it read with expedience in a measure as the query requires and to place judgment when it appears necessary in the authority of truth & doctrine to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Bolton 3rd mo 9th 11th 1866 By accounts received from our several the meetings therein named are from Smithfield Abbot Bates Rebecca C Munro Lucy C Pearson Ruth M Bates and Maria Aldrich Lyndon Mary R Chadwick Minerva Farnum Mercy Ann Young and Mary B Young Bolton Mary F Chace and Mary A Randall Who are present except two — The friends appointed to bring forward the names of persons to serve the meeting as Clerks have proposed the names of Ann B Earle for Clerk and Mary B Read as assistant which being agreeable to the meeting they are accordingly appointed for one year —

The Queries have been read with the required answers from each of our the meetings — The representatives to the Y Meeting report that they all attended —

Our beloved friend David H Bennett is in attendance of this meeting with a certificate from Butternuts Mo Meeting endorsed by Butternuts 2. meeting expressive of his unity with him in his present engagement — His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us The report of the Boarding School Com. and the minutes of our last Y Meeting have been read and were acceptable to us — We conclude postponing to meet at Smithfield on 4th month 8th & 9th if permitted

Ann B. Earle Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 8th / 1865

The representatives names in the accounts from our several mo meetings are from Smithfield Hannah R Aldrich Lucy Ann Dorcas H Esten and Mary Brown both Mary B Comstock Mary R Baldwin and Lucina Jackson Bolton Jane M Wheeler and Abbie C Randall who are present except two one of whom sent a satisfactory reason for her absence

The queries have been read with answers to the same usually answered at this time from each of our mo meetings

Our beloved friend Oliver Goldsmith has attended this meeting with a certificate from South River mo meeting and endorsed by Saml Rivers Quarterly for his expressions & walk with him in his present religious engagement — His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us — He is accompanied by our friend Jephtha D Mayhew with a copy of a minute from South River mo meeting expressive of their unity with him his company has been accepted to us Epistles from London and from Dublin have been read and were acceptable we conclude purposing to meet at Worcester in Seventh mo next if permitted

Ann B Eddle Clerk.

At Smithfield Q Meeting held at Worcester 2nd mo 14th / 1866 / By accounts received from our several mo meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Trishe Andrews, Ruth M Batty Maria Aldrich and Rebecca Inman Uxbridge Mary B Young Margaret Taft and Hannah B Tatum Bolton Jane F Wheeler and Lucy F Collins who being called are present — except two who sent satisfactory reasons for their non attendance The Queries have been read with answers to the same usually answered at this time from each of our mo meetings

Our beloved friend Robert Carter Douglas attended this meeting with a certificate from Elk Creek Mo. meeting endorsed by Fairfield 2 meeting Ohio. These were expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement. His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph H. Pratt is also in attendance of this meeting with a minute from Lower Springfield meeting. His company and religious labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friends David and Hannah P. Tatum laid before this meeting a prospect which has for sometime rested upon their minds to pay a visit in Gospel love to the meetings of Deep River and Springfield Quarterly Meeting, some of their families contemplating to remove, to appoint some meetings among friends and others also to visit families and their homes. They presented a certificate from Westfield Ohio meeting. After a time of serious consideration this meeting is united in leaving them at liberty to pursue their prospect as Best to them may direct. And we appoint Mary R. Hadley, Ann E. Cotton, and Ann E. Cox to confer with them in relation thereto and render them such advice and assistance as they may require. Epistles from Deep Creek, Baltimore and North Carolina have been read and were acceptable to us. The conference, appointed to meet at Smithfield on fifth month next if permitted.

Ann B. Cox Clerk.

At Smithfield 2 Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 5th mo 6th 1854

The representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings Viz. Deep River Lucy E. Cannon, Sarah P. Hadley and Mahala Albertson, Westfield Phebe A. Marsh Mary P. Trueblood, Ann P. Cox and Minerva Trueblood. Bolton Lucy E. Collins and Elizabeth W. Babcock who being called are all present

Our beloved friend Mary Elliot attending this meeting with a minute from Indiana Yearly Meeting endorsed by Warm Friends & Brethren - both expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagement - Her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

She is attended in our friendly manner by our friends Abram Wood & Jesse Kersey from Philad[elphia] this meeting & this Quarterly Meeting is also acceptable to us

The minute has been read at this time with minutes from each of our Quarterly Meetings from which we have received a favorable report, we forward to your friends, Thos. & Sarah Evans Lucy & Robert Stevenson Hannah Abbia Aldrich and Rebecca C Mann whom we appoint our representatives and request them to attend our next yearly meeting

Epistles from Ohio Yearly Meeting and Iowa & Nebraska were read and well received by us

Our beloved friend Thomas Eynon appeared in this meeting and presented a certificate from Haverfordwest Monthly Meeting liberating him to attend in the love of the Gospel the several of the yearly & quarterly meetings in London and to visit and labor some meetings among friends and others

This meeting is fully united with him in his prospect and he is encouraged to attend, travels at Best Wisdom may direct and this Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on behalf of this meeting

We conclude to meet at Bolton in 8th mo next 9 forenoon

Ann B Cadbury Clk

Answers

1st " All our meetings for religious wor ship and discipline have been attend ed except four — Those on first-days by the greater part of our members Week day meetings not so well attended by all / The hours mostly observed — Friends are generally preserved from sleeping — no other rude coming behaviour noticed in our meetings

2nd " Love and unity in a good degree maintained — detraction generally guard ed against — no differences have come to our knowledge

3rd " A christian care is extended by most friends over those under their direction — they are generally exemplary themselves — We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families

4th " Friends are careful to maintain their testimony with regard to the several requirements of this query

5th " The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and their necessities relieved — their children freely partake of learning — none placed from among friends

6th " Generally clear in respect to this query

7th " We believe our testimony in regard to this query is maintained

8th " Friends are mostly careful in these respects

9th " Care is taken as to records also in regard to removals and certificates except in one instance

10th " Care is taken to deal with offenders in good measure as the query requires and to pass judgment according to discipline

At a Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held
at Goshen 3rd mo 8th 1877

By accounts received from our Representatives

Aldrich, Minerva Hannum from Goshen and
Edwin — Goshen Lucinda Embree was present except from par-
ticipation in Edward P. Fay with a
Certificate from Middletown but Hannah
has a Certificate from Farmington, Hartford Conf.
by Farmington Quarterly Meeting State
of New York, one in attendance at this Meeting
their company and sound advice were
acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Hannah B. Forman
is in attendance at this meeting as companion
to Hannah S. Fry. She presented a minute
from Macedonia Half Quarterly — Her company

The occasion of two meetings noticed.

attended except one
Our friends Lydia Ann Hutchins with a
Robert M. Douglas with a Certificate from the
Half Quarterly and by Request
Hartford

is also in attendance at this
to his wife by due [illegible]
ans is acceptable to us.
[illegible] to meet at Middletown
in eleventh mo next if permitted

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 4th 1854

The representatives named in the accounts from our several last meetings are from Smithfield Abm & Sally Aris. Eliza Lorea & Rhoda and Hannah B Aldrich - Lybridge Mary B Craig Margaret Capt Deborah Smith and Minna Hunn Bolton Lucy Harris and Sarah H Coates to be here called our present overseers

The queries have been read in this meeting with the several answers from all but two (our beloved Friends David and Hannah P Talcott) returned at this time, the certificate given them in second month last to visit in Gospel love the meetings of New England & meeting primarily charged with the information that they had been enabled to accomplish the visit in prospect to the peace and satisfaction of their own minds at which they gave an interesting account and produced testimonials from the various meetings which they had visited expressive of the satisfaction their company and religious encouragements had given to Friends they also produced a certificate granted them by Lybridge Mo meeting liberating them more particularly in New York and Canada & Ministry after a season of serious deliberation this concurrent was feelingly united with and they encouraged to attend to it as Truth may direct and the Clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on their certificate on behalf of this meeting we conclude purposing to meet at Worcester in second month next if permitted

Thos H Read Clerk

At Smithfield 2 Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo 13th 1855

By accounts received from the several particular meetings therein named are from Smithfield Edmund Smith Abm Bates Mary B Read and Maria Aldrich Lybridge John K Bolton Phebe Mason and Phebe M Aldrich Bolton Hannah T Wheeler and Abbie B Randall who are all present

The queries have been read with answers to the first second and

The time having expired for which the last Committee were appointed Rhoda S Cook and Deborah W Babcock are named to unite with some persons for that service and report to our next quarterly Several returning minutes on behalf of our friends David and Hannah B Evans from meetings in the Western part of this State, have been received and read at this time all expressive of their satisfaction with their labors among them

Epistles from London Dublin and N York Yearly Meetings have been read and were acceptable

The Committee purposing to meet at Nantucket in fifth month next Signed

Ann B Cook Clerk

At an adjourned Meeting of Women Friends held at Portsmouth 5th mo 16th 1868

The Representatives named in the account are from Smithfield Abby Potter Esther Cadwallader Lucy A Swain and Ruth B Batty Uxbridge Ann B Cook Ann K Cook Hannah Thomas and Elizabeth B Wilson Bolton Elizabeth H Babcock and Jane L Wheeler who are present except one — We were appointed to bring forward the names of some persons to attend the meeting as such for the reappointment of Abby L Gould for Smithfield and Mary P Read as Minister which being acceptable to the meeting they are accordingly appointed for one year The queries have been read with answers from them all from each of our two meetings from which we have prepared a Summary which we forward to the Committee by our friends Ann B Cook Ann K Cook Jane L Wheeler Abby L Potter Hannah W Lovell and Abigail K Thomas whom we appoint our representatives and request them to report their attendance at our next meeting Our beloved friend Lewis Lewis attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Sandwich Yearly Meeting Their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to give a certified minute that may be prepared for him

Epistles from Baltimore N Carolina Ohio Indiana Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings have been read and were acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Thomas Green returned the minute granted him one year ago to attend the Yearly Meeting of Canada with the information that he had accomplished the visit to the satisfaction of his own mind - he also presented returning minutes expressive of the satisfaction of friends in the meetings which he attended - Several returning minutes have been read on behalf of our friends David and Hannah Buffum from meetings in the State of New York expressive of their unity with us in the labour in which they are engaged we conclude proposing to meet at Dolton in the 5th mo next if permitted

Signed

Queries

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except two which were not attended on account of impassable roads - Not a remissness in this important duty is apparent with some the hour readily observed - not much appearance of sleep or other unbecoming behaviour noticed

Ans 2 Love and unity in a good degree maintained - detraction mostly guarded against no differences have come to our knowledge

Ans 3 A Christian care is extended by friends to those under their direction - Careful to refrain from improper reading and conversation generally complied with the practice of daily reading the Holy Scriptures is observed in most families

Ans 4 Friends are careful to regard the several testimonies of this Society

Ans 5 The circumstances of the poor are inspected and their necessities relieved. Their children partake of learning and none are heard from among friends

Ans 6 Friends and heads of families with the youth and strangers are generally careful that all proceedings with respect to marriage be conformable to our discipline

Ans 7 Friends are generally careful in regard to this query

Ans 8 Friends appear to be careful to maintain

The several requisitions of this query
and G Cooper & Evans' report read from records
Without exceptions or which can be found and
and it can be taken & kept with offenses and
to peace pursuant to the requisition for the exhibi
tion of this meeting is adopted

At Sandy Creek 2 months & 20 days from
Held at Bethel 7th mo 13th 1864
By account received from our Quarterly Meeting
after the representatives Minutes were read as for
Ohio Indiana Illinois & Western Iowa and
Abbie J Bailey Lucy G Payson and Mazea Aldrich
Minutes from Ohio Yearly Meeting Friends
Phebe A Cook and Mary B Jones - Bostwick
Judith Coleridge and Sarah Clemens who
being entered are present
Our beloved friend Eunice Emerson attended
this meeting with a minute of unity from
the Monthly Meeting of Friends in Kansas
and Gospel labors were acceptable and
she is encouraged by Dennis Reagan
from Richland Iowa Quarterly Meeting
has been received by us
The queries have been read with the respective
answers from each of our five Quarterly
Meetings & the following report thereon
was adopted — Our beloved friend
Edward & Emma an approved minister of Scipio
Monthly Meeting attended this meeting and
presented a certificate from the aforesaid Monthly
Meeting endorsed by Genesee Quarterly
Her company and Gospel labors have been
acceptable to us Joseph & Joy Pettit a
minister of Friends from Canada two Mont
ing Indiana also attended this meeting as
Minister to Edward & Emma - as company has
been acceptable to us and the Clerk is
ordered to have returning minutes that may
be prepared for them — The report of the
Boarding School Com. has been read and
is accepted & is
the committee for another year
Signed on behalf of the Meeting
Asa Pickett Clerk

At Smithfield a Meeting of Women Friends is held at Smithfield 11th mo 12th 1868
The representatives named in the account are from Smithfield Anna T Read Dessah C Whitbrick Thebe B Barnes Rebecca C Munroe Elizabeth A Osborne and Lucy S Pierson Uxbridge Ann K Cotton Mary B Wing and Phebe L Read Bolton Jane F Wheeler and Elizabeth W Babcock who being called are present except one
The queries have been read with answers to the first second and tenth
One beloved friend Thomas Kirk attended this meeting with a minute of unity from his Monthly Meeting His company and religious services have been acceptable to us
One beloved friend Joseph E Pratt from the Meeting of H attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from that Meeting His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us He was accompanied by his wife Martha E Pratt also with a minute from the aforesaid meeting Her company has been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign returning minutes that same be forwarded
This meeting unites with Smithfield Preparative Meeting in the appointment of Obadiah Read to the station of Elder — Also with said meeting in the appointment of John Pierson to the same station — David and Hannah B Tatum have removed to this town since the certificate granted to them one year ago, with the information that they have accomplished a part of the service to the peace of their own minds — on account of the feeble state of health of Hannah B Tatum they feel released from the service in Canada
* Be concluded proposing to meet in Uxbridge in second month next if permitted
Ann B Cook Clerk

* The several printed epistles and epistles from London and Dublin have been read and were acceptable

At Smithfield 2 meeting of Women Friends held at Uxbridge 2nd mo 11th 1869

The account received from the several monthly meetings represented in our meeting from Smithfield Elizabeth S Aldrich Phebe Andrews Maria Aldrich and Ruth Ann Balles — Uxbridge Phebe S Mauch Phebe A Aldrich Hannah L Taber Bolton Mary A Cumlale and Joanna H Emmons who being called are all present except two for the absence of one a satisfactory reason was assigned

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our monthly meetings

We have received information from Uxbridge monthly meeting that they have proposed the name of Sabrina Chase and Almeda Emmons for the station of elder with which this meeting unites and recommends them

Our beloved friend Thomas B Nichols attends this meeting with a certificate from Wassalboro monthly meeting his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us He was accompanied by his wife Rachel B Nichols with a copy of a minute from the same meeting her company has been acceptable to us

Epistles from New York Ohio and North Carolina have been read and were acceptable to us

The request for leasing for meeting at North bridge in fifth mo next if permitted

Ann B Earle Clerk

At Smithfield 2 meeting of Women Friends held at Uxbridge 5th mo 13th 1869

The representatives named in the account are from Smithfield Rachel Steere Mary P Smith and Miss Aldrich Uxbridge Miss B Cary Mary B Wing Martha Jr Taber Bolton Sarah L Whitman and Elizabeth W Babcock who being called are present except two one of whom we are informed is prevented by indisposition

Our beloved friend Caroline C Talbot is in attendance at this meeting with a minute from Short Creek mo meeting

endorsed by Short Creek 2 mo 8th 1860
For comfort and edification in the
accustomed manner to us
Our beloved friend Elizabeth H Hobson is in
attendance of this meeting as companion
to Caroline E Talbot with a minute from
Smithfield mo meeting Ohio. Her company
is acceptable to us.

The queries have been read in this meeting
with the answers from all our last meetings
from which we have prepared a representation
to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends
Phebe J Mauch Asher J Bales Ann K Collins
Mary P Binns Jane H Wilson Rebecca M Talbot
and Rebecca C Munroe whom we appoint
our representatives to attend that meeting
with the minutes from this
We conclude further to meet at Bolton
in 8th mo 4th next if permitted

Ann K Collins
Clerk for the day

Answers

1st All our meetings for religious worship and
discipline have been attended with the
exception of two omitted in consequence
of funerals of friends occurring at private
houses at the usual meeting hour and
one Quarterly meeting for discipline the same
nearly observed but little appearance of
sleep or other unbecoming behavior noticed

2nd Love and unity in a good degree remain
among us dissensions have ceased & our testimonies
are maintained against

3rd Friends generally appear to exercise a Christian
care over their children and to be
good examples themselves. The Holy Scriptures
are frequently read in friends families

4th Friends are engaged to regard the several
requisitions of this query

5th The necessities of the poor are relieved their
children partake of learning to set them to
business when placed among friends

5th Parents and heads of families watch over their children and remonish one generally carefull that all proceeding with respect to marriage be conformable to discipline

6th Friends are generally clear in regard to this query

8th Friends are generally careful to maintain the several legislations of this query

9th Generally careful as to records & certificates

10th Care is taken to deal with offenders as required and to place judgment where it appears necessary according to discipline

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ballups 5th Mo. 19th 1869 —

By accounts rec'd from several Monthly Meetings the Representatives thereto named as from Smithfield Mercy Aldrich, Phebe A. Mathis Ellen Osborn and Rebecca A. Inman, Uxbridge Anne B. Cook, Minerva Tennant and Lucy B. Wing, Bolton Mary A. Randall & Ruth Tyge — being present except two —

The epistles from & to this Meeting with the Yearly kind answers from all our Monthly Meetings —

The Representatives to the Yearly Meeting just at hand they all attended —

The London general Epistle containing much excellent counsel and instruction has been read at this time and being acceptable to us, We conclude proposing to meet at Smithfield the Eleventh month next if permitted

Mary B. Read
Asst Clerk

At Smithfield 2 Month Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo 11th 1879

By accounts received from our several Mo Meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Rebecca G Lamson Cicely B Lamson Elizabeth A Eshoge and Hannah Jones Uxbridge Ruth L Marsh Hannah Jenkins and Ellen R Hadson Bolton Sarah F Johnson & Lydia B Dow who being called are present except one

The queries have been read in this meeting with the required answers from all our Mo Meetings

Minutes of Visits from our Friends of London and Salem Mo Meetings have been read at this time and were kindly acceptable to us

Our beloved friends Hannah Hoag Stephen Butterworth and Joseph E Pratt are in attendance of this meeting with minutes of concurrence from their respective Mo Meetings - Their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

Our esteemed friend Martha E Pratt is also with us at this time company to her husband Joseph E Pratt with a minute from Dover Mo Meeting - Her company is acceptable to us -

We conclude purposing to meet at Worcester in 2nd mo next if permitted

Mary B Read
Asst Clerk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2d mo 10th 1880.

The representatives named in the accounts are from Smithfield, Abby E Bailey, Abby C Read, Alice A Grinston and Ruth M Bailey. Uxbridge, Mary A Hadwen, Elizabeth B Wilson, and Margaret B Taft. Bolton, Jane F Wheeler and Sarah A. Wheeler, who are present except two, one of whom was prevented from attending by sickness.

Our friend Mary J. Meader attended this meeting and presented a minute of unity from Bloomington Monthly Meeting, Iowa, her company and services have been

acceptable to us.

The queries have been read, with answers to the 1st, 2d, and 10th, from each of our monthly meetings.

Our friends Daniel Peckham from Scituate monthly meeting, and William R. Richardson from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting have been with us at this time with minutes from their respective Meetings, their company and useful labours have been acceptable to us.

Our friend Amanda M. Richardson also attended as companion to her husband, Wm. R. Richardson, she produced a minute from Rhode Island Monthly Meeting, her company has been acceptable to us.

The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed, Thos. Wistar was proposed, which being satisfactory to the meeting, they was accordingly appointed so that station for the ensuing year.

Transcripts of epistles from New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, and Indiana have been read and were acceptable to us.

We conclude, purposing to meet at Yearly Meeting in fifth month next if permitted.

~~Henry D. Lent, Ast Clerk~~
Ann W. Cook, Clerk.

[illegible] beloved friend Enos [illegible] also a minister [illegible] [illegible] as companion to James E. Bailey with a minute of unity from their friends [illegible]. His company and services [illegible] have been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish [illegible] minutes which may [illegible] [illegible] of these friends.

The report of the [illegible] committee has been [illegible].

This meeting [illegible] that the Yearly meeting encourages the appointment by this meeting of a committee to visit in the spirit of authority and restoring [illegible] [illegible] their descendants, and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] religious meetings, and we appoint [illegible] L. [illegible] [illegible] S. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Phebe A. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and Lydia A. Phelps a committee [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] giving attention to this subject.

The business of this meeting [illegible] accomplished, we conclude, purposing to meet again in 11th month next at Smithfield [illegible]

[illegible]

At Smithfield Q[illegible] Meeting of [illegible] Friends held at Smithfield 11th mo [illegible]th [illegible]

The representatives [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] different Mo [illegible] are from Smithfield [illegible] Osborne [illegible] G. Smith Dorcas A. Keller [illegible] Andrews & Rebecca R. Inman — Uxbridge Minerva Inman Mary B. [illegible] and Mary R. [illegible] Bolton [illegible] A. Randall and Sarah H. Wheeler [illegible] being called are present except one who sends a satisfactory reason for her absence

The queries [illegible] [illegible] read [illegible] answers to the three usual [illegible] from each of our Mo Meetings

Our beloved friend [illegible] Hoxie attended this meeting — he presented a minute from [illegible] Mo Meeting expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagement

His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us — Epistles from London & Ireland and New York have been read and were comfortable and encouraging to us

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude humbly to meet at Worcester in Second mo. next & remain

Your Friends Clerk

At Smithfield 2d Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo 6th 1841

By accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives thereof named are from Smithfield Esther Thomas Abigail Lois A Aldrich and Rebecca Smithbridge Mercy B Thomas Abigail Fisher and Rebecca Fairman & Bolton Joanna H Simmons and Lydia B Dodge who being called are all present

Our beloved friend Abigail H Hanson attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Scituate no meeting. The communications and epistolary labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to prepare a returning minute on her behalf

The epistles have been read with the — The accounts state that two meetings for worship have been maintained — Epistles from Baltimore North Carolina Ohio Indiana Western Iowa and Canada & Meeting have been read and were encouraging and edifying to us

Having accomplished the business of the meeting we conclude mutually to adjourn to Smithbridge on 2nd day the 4th of 6th mo next & remain

Your Friends Clerk

At Smithfield 2 Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithbridge 5th mo 11th 1841

The representatives named in the accounts are from Smithfield Abby S Balkam Phebe A Smith and Lydia B Dodge and Rebecca Fairman Smithbridge Elizabeth B Jenkins Mercy Jenkins and Phebe S Mason — Bolton Rebecca Fairman and Joanna H Simmons who being called are all present

Our beloved friend [illegible] this meeting with a certificate from Chester his monthly expression of their unity with his [illegible] and [illegible] labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

The queries have been read with answers from all our monthly meetings from which we have proposed a summary expressive of the state of our meetings which are forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Anne B Evans Mary B Jones Ruth Ann Alice [illegible] Joseph Cloud and Abel Thomas

and request them to report their attendance at our next meeting

Our beloved friends Samuel Gifford [illegible] this meeting with a certificate of unity from Sandwich his ministry & company and religious services have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to [illegible] sign a minute [illegible] that [illegible] be forwarded for him

The times having expired for which the clerks were appointed Lydia B Low and Anna B Coleman were requested to take the subject into consideration and bring forward the names of friends for that service at our next meeting

This meeting united with Sandwich [illegible] and the appointment of [illegible] to attend the station of elder & men's meeting concurring therein

The business of the meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet at Salem on the eighth month next if permitted

Thos P. Cope Clerk

Phila 12th 1st

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended except [illegible] the [illegible] have been observed; friends are preserved in [illegible] and other [illegible] behaviour

Love and unity are maintained among us
& the holy subject guarded against. No differ-
ences have come to our knowledge.

4th

Friends appear careful to [illegible] a Christian
care over their children in their intercourse
with the world & the books they [illegible]
them & example themselves.
We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently
read in their families.

5th

We think Friends are clear in the several
requirements of this query.

6th

The poor are provided for and their children
kindly instructed in learning - none placed
from among Friends.

7th

Generally clear as regards this query.

8th

Friends are [illegible] clear in regard to this
query.

9th

Friends generally endeavor to maintain
the discipline in regard to this query.

10th

Care is taken as to records, none removed
out without certificates which are
duly noticed.

11th

Care is taken & that with openness and
the Spirit of meekness and wisdom
and [illegible] judgment is placed to do
it [illegible] the authority of Truth
according to discipline.

At Smithfield 2. Meeting of women Friends held at Bolton 8th 10th 1871

The representatives named in the accounts from our several Mo. meetings are from — Smithfield Lucy Andrews Sarah Osborne [illegible] and R[illegible] H[illegible] [illegible] Bolton Rachel S[illegible] and Lucy R. Wheeler [illegible]

The Committee appointed to bring forward the names of suitable persons for [illegible] and is [illegible] the names of [illegible] S[illegible] B[illegible] [illegible] and Chloe R. Wheeler for assistant which being acceptable to the meeting they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year

The queries have been answered with the required answers from each of our Monthly meetings have been read

The representatives to our last Yearly Meeting report they all attended to their appointment

The report of the Boarding School Committee has been read and was accepted [illegible]

The business of the meeting being accomplished it is concluded to purposing to meet again at Smithfield in 11th mo. next if permitted

Mary S. Batty Clerk

At Smithfield Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at Woonsocket 11th mo 9th 1871. The representatives named in the account from each of our Mo. meetings are from Smithfield [illegible] and Maria Aldrich — From Uxbridge Lydia A. Phelps Minerva Farnum and Mary S. King — From Bolton Mary A. Randall and Elizabeth W. Babcock

Our beloved Friend Sarah Ellen Varney attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from China Mo. meeting, her company and gospel labors have been acceptable and encouraging to us — Our friend Phebe R

Concord [illegible] this meeting as companion
of Sarah Ellen Varney [illegible]
Durham Mo. meeting her company and serious
deportment have been acceptable to us, and
the clerk is directed prepare and sign returning
minutes for these dear friends on our behalf

The queries with the answers
as read in our Mo. meetings have
been read in this meeting.

The London
Epistle was read and ordered to be copied
to us

Under a sense of Divine favor and
favor we conclude purposing to meet again
at Concord on 2d mo. next if permitted

Abm S Baker, Clk

At Smithfield 2d month 8th meeting [illegible] held
last at Providence 2d mo. 1792 - The [illegible]
named in the account from each of our Monthly
meetings are from Smithfield Abby S. Bailey Rachel
Steere and Dorcas A. Keeley — Uxbridge Minerva
Farnum Phebe S. Marsh & Elisabeth Wilson and
Ann K. Cotton — Bolton Jane [illegible] and
Elisabeth W. Babcock, being called are present
except [illegible]

The queries with the regard [illegible]
[illegible] of our Mo. [illegible]
read in this meeting,

Our beloved friend
[illegible] Moor attended this meeting with a
certificate from Pickering Mo. meeting Canada
endorsed by Yonge's &c. and [illegible]
expressive unity with her as a minister
and with [illegible] present [illegible]
her company and gospel labors have been
acceptable to us

Our Esteemed friend, Ann
Doyle is also in attendance of this meeting
as a companion to her sister Catharine Moor
with a copy of a minute from Yonge's &c.
Monthly meeting expressive unity with her in
the present engagement, her company and
serious deportment have been acceptable to us
and the clerk is directed to return minutes
for them on our behalf

Transcript [illegible] Smithfield [illegible] Northbridge [illegible]
[illegible] Quarterly Meeting [illegible] have been
[illegible] and remaining to us

The business at this meeting being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet at Northbridge in Fifth month next if permitted.

Abby S. Bailey Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of women Friends held at Northbridge 5th mo. 7th 1897 — The representatives named in the accounts from each of our 6 mo. meetings are from Smithfield Sarah B. Cranston Joanna A. Dower Rachel Steere and Sarah L. Sayles — From Uxbridge Margaret Sayles Anna R. Colton Ruth Clemons and Mary B. Wing From Kolton Jane S. Wheeler and Ruth Sprague all called are present except one

Our beloved Friend Eliz[illegible]
[illegible] of this meeting with a
[illegible] held at Bloomfield Canada and endorsed by West Lake Four Months held at Kingston Canada expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us
[illegible]
[illegible]
unite with them in their present engagement their company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to prepare and sign, returning minutes for dear friends on our behalf

[illegible]
read in this meeting with the answers from each of our 6 months meetings from which a summary has been prepared which we forward to the meeting by Abigail Wheeler & Abby S. Bailey
[illegible] Rebecca [illegible]
[illegible]
sent in lines and they are desired to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting

The subject of holding General meetings within our limits coming before us at this time it was concluded to refer the same to our next Yearly meeting

Transcripts of Epistles from our sisters of North Carolina Ohio and Indiana have been read and are acceptable to us

accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet again at Bolton in 8th mo. next if permitted

Signed

Answers

Ans, 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended (except a few small ones) though a remissness is apparent in some of our members, the hour neatly observed, not much appearance of sleep, no other unbecoming behavior noticed when assembled

" 2d Love and unity are generally maintained and detraction mostly guarded against, no differences have come to our knowledge

" 3d Friends exercise care towards those under their direction in regard to the requirements themselves, the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families

" 4th Clear in the several requirements of this query.

" 5th Friends who need assistance have been cared for; their children educated, we know of none placed from among Friends

" 6th [illegible] with regard to the requisitions of this query

" [illegible]

" 8th Friends appear to be careful to maintain the several requisitions of this query

" 9th Clear as to records some removals without certificates which are under no

Ans. 10th Care is taken to deal with offenders as the query requires and to place [illegible] according to Discipline

At Smithfield [illegible] meeting of women friends held at Boston [illegible] 1872(?). The representatives named in the accounts from each of our [illegible] meetings are [illegible] Smithfield [illegible] [illegible] S. B[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] S. [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] B. [illegible] [illegible] H. [illegible] and [illegible] Smith [illegible] Bolton Ruth Fry and Susan E. Wheeler —

Being called are present except four for the absence of two satisfactory reasons have been assigned.

Our beloved friend Elisabeth L. Comstock is in attendance of this meeting with a copy of a minute from Rollin Monthly meeting [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] unity with her as a minister and with her present engagement her company and religious services have been acceptable to us. She is accompanied by her husband John T. Comstock who has also a minute of unity from Rollin Mo. [illegible] his company has been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Louis B[illegible] is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Poughkeepsie(?) [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meeting his company and [illegible] [illegible] been acceptable to us and the [illegible] is [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] friends on our behalf —

The queries with the answers [illegible] 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Mo. meetings have been [illegible]

The representatives to our last Yearly meeting report they all attended to their appointment

A copy of minute from the Yearly meeting was received at this time [illegible] that the several articles [illegible] by that meeting had now become its Discipline and directing its subordinate meetings to be governed thereby [illegible] copies of the work are received

We have also received a minute informing that the [illegible] meetings for worship, and requesting the Quarterly meeting to appoint [illegible] their committee in this important work. We accordingly appoint Mary R. Wadwin Abby S Battey Thomas S. Davis Elizabeth H. A. Borden Sarah B. Mary B. Wing Caroline E. Earle Sarah H. Wheeler Sarah B. Cranston and Lydia C. Phelps a committee for that purpose —

The time having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed, Chas R. Wadwin and Jane C. Wheeler were appointed to confer with Friends for that service and report at our next meeting.

The report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read at this time

The business of the meeting being completed, it adjourned to meet again at Woonsocket in 11th mo next if permitted

Abby S. Battey, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting women Friends held at Providence 11th mo 14th 1872. By minute from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives present named were, from Smithfield Elizabeth C Osborne Sarah B Cranston Alvis B. Sayles [illegible] Edwin B. Smith Caroline E. Earle Elizabeth B. Smith Lydia C. Phelps Mary B. Wing Sarah H. Wheeler Sarah B. Cranston and Mary M. Sayles from Bolton Joanna Simmons and Elizabeth H. Babcock

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to bring forward names of suitable persons for Clerk and assistant Clerk report the name of Abby S. Battey for Clerk and Abigail Wheeler for assistant which being satisfactory to the meeting they are accordingly appointed for the ensuing year

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d 10th from each of our Monthly meetings

London General epistle was read to our comfort and edification

Our beloved friend Jewell Hoxie attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Mo. meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement his company and acceptable labour have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to forward same for sign on our behalf.

An epistle from our sisters of London has been read and was acceptable to us

The business of the meeting being accomplished, under a sense of the loving presence of our Heavenly Father we conclude, purposing to meet again at Worcester in 2d mo. next if permitted

Signed S. B. [illegible] Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Worcester 2d mo. 15th 1893 - The representatives named in the reports from each of our Mo. meetings are from Smithfield - Dorcas R. Kelley Mary S. Ballou Alice R. Cranston and Doris Adriance - From Providence Ann R. Colvin Elizabeth B. Wilson and Minerva Jemima Bolton Jane F. Wheeler and Elizabeth H. Babcock being called are all present

[illegible]

the answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly meetings

Copies of the revised Book of Discipline as referred to in 8th mo last have been received and each of our Monthly meetings supplied therewith

Epistles from our sisters of Dublin New York North Carolina Ohio and Western have been read and are acceptable to us

[illegible]

accomplished we conclude proposing to meet again at Smithfield [illegible]

Examined

[illegible]

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at North Providence, 5th mo, 18th 1878. The representatives named in the account from each of our Monthly meetings are present Smithfield Lucy Andrews Valeria H. Kelley, Lois C. Aldrich and Maria C. Aldrich, from Providence Lydia Varney, Lucinda Brayton and Abigail Bolton Sarah H. Wheeler and Jane S. Wheeler; being called are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the answers from each of our Monthly meetings from which a summary has been prepared, to forward to Friends [illegible]

[illegible] Friends, [illegible]

[illegible] Wing, whom we appoint our representatives, and they are desired to attend their appointment and report their attendance at our next Quarterly meeting.

Epistles from our visitors in Canada and Iowa Yearly Meetings have been read and are acceptable to us.

The business of the meeting being accomplished, we conclude our sitting to meet at [illegible]

[illegible]

Answers 1878

Ans. 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended regularly, except a few small meetings, which were omitted on account of sickness and inclement weather, most Friends attend them, but whilst some Friends are deficient in this important duty Friends are favored from time to time with

" 2d Love and unity generally maintained among us, detraction mostly guarded against, no disorderly [illegible] that we know of,

3d Friends are generally careful to maintain a consistency of life and conversation and endeavor to profit [illegible]

under their care in accordance with
christian profession

Ans 4th The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures
is practiced by most Friends both individually and collectively in our meetings
reports not quite clear in regard to the
[illegible] your testimony to [illegible]

" 5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors and are careful to
avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character

" 6th The circumstances of the poor have
been attended to, care is taken to
educate their children

" 7th Our testimony is maintained against
bearing arms and against defrauding the
public revenue

" 8th Friends generally careful as to the
several requirements of this query

" 9th Records are attended to, a few
removals without certificates

" 10th Friends endeavor to administer the
discipline in christian tenderness
and to place judgement when it
appears necessary according to our Dis[illegible]

At Smithfield Prep. meeting of women Friends
[illegible] no. 14 [illegible] 11 mo. [illegible]
named in the accounts from each of our Monthly
~~except Nantucket~~ [illegible]
Esth [illegible] Rachel [illegible] Sarah
Ridge Mary R Hadwin Mary and Rebecca Cox
Jemima Florida F. Southwick Bolton Jane F.
Wheeler and Ruth Ann being called are present
except four, for the absence of one a satisfactory
reason was given

Our beloved friend Margaret
of Rathaway is in attendance of this meeting with
a minute of concurrence from Farming[illegible] M.

[illegible]

Our beloved Friend Charles H. L. Holmes is in attendance at this meeting with a copy of a minute from Providence Mo. meeting, expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement. Her company and gospel services have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to prepare and sign returning minutes for them on our behalf.

The queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to the 1st, 2d and 10th from each of our Mo. meetings except Rahway.

The representatives to Yearly meeting report that they attended that meeting except one.

[illegible] report of the Committee having charge of our Boarding School has been read and is acceptable.

The business of the meeting having come to a close we conclude proper to meet again at Woonsocket in 11th mo. next [illegible]

Abby S. Butler, Clerk

At a Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at Woonsocket 11th/mo. 13th 1875. The representatives named in the accounts from each of our Mo. meetings are from Smithfield Hannah B. Eldridge, Sophronia W. Dow, Ellen Ashworth, Avis B. Steere and Dorcas B. Eddy. Present — Susan Almy, [illegible] Hannah H. Wing, Mary E. Eddy, Hannah P. Wheeler. Being called are present except [illegible]

The queries have been read with the required answers from each of our Monthly meetings.

The Epistle [illegible]

Our beloved Friend Samuel Gifford was in attendance at this meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Mo. meeting held at Falmouth expressing unity with him as a minister and with this

present engagement his company and religious
services have been acceptable to us

Our beloved
Friend Isaac Bin was also in attendance
[illegible] with a minute from Dart-
wich Monthly meeting held 4th month expressing
unity with him as a minister and with his present
engagement his company and gospel services have
been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed
in returning minutes prepared by our men's meeting
for the above named Friends

The time having
expired for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk
[illegible] were named to confer with suitable Friends for
that service and lay them before our next meeting

The business of the meeting being accomplished
we adjourn to meet again at Worcester in
2d mo next if permitted

Abby S. Bailey Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Wom-
Friends held at Worcester 2d mo 12th 13th & 14th Records
[illegible] meeting The [illegible]
[illegible] Friends [illegible]
[illegible] Johanna H. Simmons and Elisabeth W. [illegible]
being called are present except one

The Committee appointed at our last meet-
ing to propose reasons for Clerk and Assistant
Clerk reported the name of Abby S. Bailey for
Clerk and Abigail W. Butler for Assistant which
being satisfactory to the meeting they are
accordingly appointed for 1 year, ensuing

The queries have been read in
this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th
from each of our Monthly meetings

Transcripts of Epistles from our Sisters
of London Dublin and New York have been
read to our comfort and edification

Our beloved friend William [illegible] ce of this meeting with a copy of a minute from Salem Monthly meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present engagement his company and religious labors have been acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to sign the returning minute prepared by men, on our behalf

The Committee appointed [illegible] 1871 to visit those who were once in membership with us presented to this meeting an address to that class of persons which was read in joint session and refered to the representative meeting for their disposal

With renewed feelings of thankfulness for the continuance of Divine [illegible] adjourn to meet again in Northbridge 5th mo next if permitted

Abby S. Batty, Clerk

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women friends held at Woonsocket 4th mo. 14th 1874 by minutes from each of our Monthly meetings the representatives Herein named are from Smithfield Abby E. Read Sarah B Branston, Oliver Valley Rebecca H. Inman from Uxbridge Lydia H Thorp Mary K Hadwin Almira Farnum and Phebe A Marsh. from Bolton Joanna H Simmons and Susan E. Wheeler being called are present except one

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly meetings from which a minute has been prepared which [illegible] to the Yearly meeting by our friends Phebe S. Marsh Susan A. Gifford Abby S. Batty Sarah B Taft Lydia Haight Rachel Shore and Abigail Steere and they are desired to whom we appoint our representatives and they are desired to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting

Transcripts of Epistles from our sisters of Baltimore Ohio Indiana and Western Yearly meetings have been read to our comfort and encouragement The business of the meeting being accomplished we adjourn to meet in Bolton in 8th mo. next if permitted

Abby S. Batty. Clerk

Answers

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except six small meetings most Friends of which attend duly although some are deficient in this important duty, the hour nearly observed Friends are preserved from all unbecoming behavior when assembled

" 2d Love and unity are generally maintained. Detraction much guarded against. No differences have come to our knowledge

" 3d We believe there is an engagement with many of our members to maintain a religious life and conversation and most of those who have children endeavor by example and precept to train them in accordance with our christian profession

" 4th The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures is practiced by most Friends both individually and collectively. One Monthly meeting reports sound testimony in regard to the free gospel ministry not fully maintained

" 5th Friends are careful in regard to the several requirement of this query

" 6th The circumstances of the poor are duly observed and their necessities relieved and care taken to educate their children

" 7th Our testimony is maintained against bearing arms and the wicked customs, and against defrauding the public revenue

" 8th Friends have generally been careful with regard to the requisitions of this query

" 9th Clear as to records removal with a certificate which is under notice

" 10th We trust the discipline is administered in christian tenderness timely and impartially; and that judgment when necessary is performed in accordance therewith

at Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Friends held at Bolton 4th mo 13th 1874 — By adjournments of our Mo. Meetings the representatives therein named viz Smithfield Chace Patrick & Sarah B. Rebecca & Isaac Peckham & Sarah J. Taylor Mendon Uxbridge Elizabeth B. Wilson Emma C Smith Mary & Sylvia Knight — Bolton Charlotte A. Wheeler and Hannah D. Wheeler being called are present except two

The representatives to the Yearly meeting report that they all attended to their appointment

Our beloved Friend Sarah H. Reynolds is in attendance at this meeting with a minute of [illegible] Friends expressing unity with her as a minister and with her labors have been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend Thomas W. Ladd is also present at this time with a minute from [illegible] meeting expressing unity with him in this present religious engagement his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, The clerk is directed to sign a minute on behalf of these dear friends on our behalf

The queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each of our Monthly meetings

The report of Committee in charge of our Boarding School has been read and is acceptable to us

Men Friend inform that they have united with Uxbridge Monthly meeting in the appointment of [illegible] William F. Taber with the station of Elder with their unity

Transcripts of Epistles from our sisters of London and Dublin have been read and are acceptable and encouraging to us

In accordance with the direction of the Yearly meeting we appoint the following named Friends to a committee to labor in concert with and in aid

of their Committee on Ministers and Elders names
Lydia B. Lee Abby S. Butler Julia A. Thorp Elizabeth
B. Willson Hannah D. Wheeler Maria Hedrick and
Emma C. Swift

The business of the meeting
being accomplished we adjourn to meet again
in Woonsocket in 11th mo next if permitted

Abby S. Buffum

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women
Friends held at Woonsocket 11th mo. 12th 74 by accounts
from each of our Mo. meetings, the representa-
tives are from Smithfield Catharine Cotton
Sarah Andrews Rebecca C. Sherman and Lucretia
H. Keller — Uxbridge Ann E. Cotton Lucy Sherman
and Hannah P. Chace — Bolton Sarah
H. Wheeler and Elizabeth H. Babcock being
called were all present

The queries have been
read in this meeting with the answers to
1st 2d 3d and 10th from each of our Mo meetings

The year having expired
for which the Clerk and assistant were
appointed Mary K. Hall in and Sarah
Andrews were named to confer with some
persons for the service and report at
our next meeting

The London general
Epistle was read also an excellent
Epistle from our sisters of New York
both of which were found to be full and
encouraging to us

The business of the
meeting being accomplished we
adjourn to meet again in Woonsocket
in 2d mo next

Abby S. Buffum Clk.

At Smithfield Quarterly [illegible] held
at Worcester 2d mo -11- 1875 By accounts from each of
our Mo. meetings — the representatives are from Smithfield
Rebecca [illegible] Thomas [illegible] Sarah E. Read and
Mary [illegible] — Uxbridge Hannah A. Taber and
Abbie L. Sawyer and Sherman Battey — Worcester
Joanna H. Kimmens and Martha A Wheeler Being
called were present except two

The Com[te] appointed
at our last meeting to bring forward names suitable
for Clerk and Assistant [illegible]
of Wm S. Battey for Clerk and Abigail Wheeler for
Assistant which being satisfactory to the meeting
they are accordingly appointed for one year

The queries have been
read in this meeting together with the answers
to the 1st 2d and 15th from each of our Mo. meetings

Lively and acceptable epistles
from [illegible] Yearly meetings were read

Our beloved Friend
George Richardson is in attendance at this
meeting with a copy of a minute from [illegible]
Mo. meeting expressing unity with him as a minister
and with his present religious engagement his
company [illegible] He is accompanied by his wife Sarah M.
Richardson with a minute of unity from [illegible] ford
Mo. meeting who also is acceptable with
us at this time.

Our beloved Friend William T.
Macomber is also in attendance of this meeting
with a minute from West-port Mo. meeting
expressing unity with him as a minister and with
his present religious engagement his company
and gospel services have been acceptable to us
and the Clerk is authorized to sign on
our behalf the returning [illegible] prepared for them
by our Friends

We have united with our
Friends in changing the hour for holding this
meeting when held at Northbridge Station and [illegible]
from Eleven to half past ten A. M.

We are informed that Sister Ellis the writer request the assistance of this meeting in the appointment of additional Elders to that meeting or in uniting their Preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders to that of some other [illegible] The appointment of Sister S. Shaw Sister Rebecca K. Sadler Sister Esther Gifford and Sister S. Battey to unite with a similar committee of Friends in order that such assistance as the case may require may be rendered

A transcript of the minutes of the Yearly meeting was read and is accepted for us

We have united with our brethren this morning in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Sister L. Daniels

With the prayer that the care of Divine Goodness and love may be spread over us at this time We conclude by appointing to meet in Northbridge in 5th mo next

Abby S. Battey Clerk

At a Monthly meeting of Men Friends held at Smithfield 4th mo. 13th 1875 by accounts from each of our Monthly meetings the representatives are from Smithfield Charlotte N. Shelby, Mary A. Bliss Clerk, Olive R. Comstock, Phebe Mann, and Lucy S. Bolton Northbridge Sylvia S. Buffum Sarah S. Hall and Lucy Ann Bowen Uxbridge Susan E. Wheeler and Martha A. Wheeler who being called were all present

The minutes were then read in this meeting and approved Then each of our Monthly meetings [illegible] Then the Clerk of each Monthly meeting read the Epistle to the Yearly meeting and Epistles from the Yearly meeting to the Monthly meetings were read and approved

It was concluded that we hold our next meeting

Our beloved Friend opened the meeting with a prayer

[illegible]

labors have been acceptable to us. He is accompanied by his wife of unity P. Bolton will [illegible] at some Monthly meeting, meeting [illegible] with us

Our beloved friend Wm Wetherald attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Pelham Monthly meeting Canada, endorsed by Pelham Quarterly meeting expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Newell Hoxie also attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Sandwich Monthly meeting Mass. expressing unity with him as a minister and with his present religious engagement his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and it is directed to sign [illegible] the remaining minutes for each of these Friends which may be prepared for them by our mens meeting

Transcripts of Epistles from our sisters of Salem, Henry, Iowa, Canada and Kennett quarterly meetings have been read at this time and are acceptable to us

We have united with Smithfield Mo. meeting in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearance of the ministry [illegible] meeting in the appointment of Isaac Sheere and Otis B Sheere to the Station of Elder

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to confer with Bolton Monthly meeting in reference to their Separative meetings of Ministers and elders, Reported that they had attended to their appointment, had met with the Committee of Bolton Mo. meeting and united with them in proposing that meetings of four Friends to the Station of Elder [illegible] is settled by to this meeting

We have united with Bolton Mo. meeting in the appointment of David B. Wheeler Rebecca A. Standley, Thos A. Standley and Lewis B. Wheeler to the Station of Elder

The business of the meeting being accomplished for this time we adjourned to meet again in Bolton [illegible]

Thos S. Betts, Clk

Answers

Ans. 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are held regularly except six small meetings, most of our members attend them but while others are deficient in this important duty the more nearly observed generally clear as to unbecoming behavior

" 2d are not aware of any public maintained departure must be guarded against, we trust there is a Christian concern to be upheld and all lightness

Ans 3d Most Friends endeavor to maintain a religious life and conversation and to train up those under their care in accordance with our christian profession

Ans 4th The daily reading of the Holy Scriptures is practiced by most Friends both individually and collectively. Public worship and testimony is regarded to a pure spiritual worship is maintained

" 5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, and are careful to avoid amusements inconsistent with the Christian character

" 6th the circumstances of the poor are inquired and their necessities relieved

" 7th The regulations of this body are maintained

" 8th Friends are careful to support their offices and settle their accounts punctual to their promises, just in the payments of their debts and careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances

" 9th Careful as to records, & removals without certificates

" 10th the Answer "the Discipline is endeavored as the views opinions and judgment of Friends in accordance the with

At Smithfield Quarterly meeting of women Friends held at [illegible] 11th mo 11th 1879 By minutes from each of our Mo. meetings the representatives therein named from Smithfield First Andrews [illegible] B. C. Sisson [illegible] Marie Steinel and Lucinda Sprague Sheffield Mary K. Kelsey Elmira Tomlinson and Elizabeth B. Wilson, Bolton Sarah L. Wheeler and [illegible] B. Dyer being called were present except two

The queries were read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2d and 10th from each and in the Epistles from our sisters of London Dublin and [illegible]

The year having expired for which the [illegible] were appointed, Phebe Ann Charlton Esther Osborne and Ishsby Andrews were appointed to prepare at our next meeting the minutes of the deceased persons to report as Circular [illegible]

We have present with us at this time our beloved Friends, John Cox with a minute from Back Creek Mo. meeting endorsed by Baltimore Quarterly Indiana, — Stewell Ervin with a minute from Sandwich Mo. Class and Eunice Holmes [illegible] with a minute of unity from Newbedford Mo. meeting Mass. all of whose company and gospel labors have been acceptable to and encouraging to us

We have also the acceptable company of our Friends, — John A. Eastland [illegible] to Back Creek, — and Sarah E. Holmes who accompanies her husband Eunice Holmes Jr. — The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the returning minutes prepared for them by our Friends

The business of the meeting being accomplished we adjourn to meet again in Worcester in 2nd mo next

Abby S. Bailey, Clk.

[illegible] held [illegible] 2nd [illegible] 1871 By accounts from the Monthly meetings the representatives therein named a [illegible] Richmond [illegible] Salem Preparative Meeting [illegible] Abby S. Bailey [illegible] Eagle — Bolton Sarah H. Wheeler and Susan E. Wheeler being called were present except one

[illegible] last meeting to propose names for Clerk and assistant report the name of Abby S. Bailey for Clerk and Abigail [illegible] [illegible] in the meeting they are accordingly appointed

Our beloved Friend Sarah H. [illegible] was in attendance at this meeting with a minute of a minute from Vassalboro Mo. meeting endorsed by Vassalboro Quar. expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present [illegible] We have also the company of Clara Clift Tufford with a minute from Sandy Spring Mo. meeting [illegible] minister and with her present [illegible] their company and gospel labors [illegible]

and answers in as usual the Clerk is directed to prepare and sign on our behalf returning minutes for each of these dear friends

The queries were fully read in this meeting together with the answers from each of the Monthly Meetings

The London yearly Epistle was read and is accepted by us

The business of the meeting being accomplished with a feeling of thankfulness for the precious presence of our Lord with us we adjourn to meet again in Northbridge in 5th month next

Signed S. B. Tucker Clk.

At a meeting held at Northbridge 5th mo. 11th 1876. By the accounts from each of our Monthly meetings the representatives from Smithfield Nine Mile River Providence Uxbridge Mendon Northbridge and Worcester Sterling Leicester Oxford Salem and Scituate Smithfield and Elisha Farnum Bolton Susan E. Wheeler and Martha A. Wheeler being called were present except one who rendered a satisfactory reason for non attendance.

Our beloved friend Mary H. Eddy attended this meeting with a minute from Scipio Monthly Meeting Ohio and in the love of the gospel ministered to us present, Religious engagement her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us she is accompanied by our friend Edwin C. Thorne who has presented a minute of unity from this meeting. her company and said departure have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Rachel H. Moore who attended this meeting from Providence also our friend Rachel H. Thorne with a minute from Scipio Monthly Meeting Ohio and with us present religious engagement her company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf returning minutes for each of these friends

The queries have been read

in the meeting with the answers from each of our Monthly
meetings from which a summary has been prepared
and is now presented to the Yearly Meeting [illegible]
[illegible] S. Carolina, the Indiana, [illegible] S. Carolina
[illegible] Canada, Baltimore, [illegible] Iowa, Ohio
and Western. [illegible] represented [illegible]
desired to attend to their appointments
and report to our next meeting

An interesting Epistle
from [illegible] has been read

The business of the meeting
being completed [illegible]
again in Boston in 8th mo. next if the Lord permit

Abby S. Battey, Clk.

Answers

Ques 1st All our meetings for religious worship
and discipline have been attended
and most friends [illegible] meetings
meetings are small, [illegible]
the appointed [illegible]

" 2d Love and unity are generally maintained, & the
most is guarded against & care is taken to
[illegible]

" 3d Most friends endeavor to maintain a consistent
life and [illegible] to the precepts and
example of [illegible] in accordance
[illegible]

" 4 The [illegible] are frequently
[illegible] and the meetings
[illegible] to encourage them in the
practice of this duty [illegible]
gospel ministry is maintained except
[illegible]

" 5 Intoxicating liquors are not used among us
as a beverage and improper amusement and
[illegible]

" 6 The circumstances of the poor have been attended

[illegible] Fernando F. Eastland also
was present and presented a copy of a minute
[illegible]
meeting expressing unity with him as a minister
and with his present religious engagement, his com-
[illegible] acceptable to us and the
clerk is directed sign on our behalf the returning
minutes prepared for, them by our Friends

The report of the Committee
having in charge our Boarding School was read and
is acceptable to us.

Extracts of Epistles from our
Sisters of London Dublin and New York were also
read and are accepatable to us

The business of the meeting
[illegible] concluded with thankful hearts for the
[illegible] to meet in
Woonsocket on 11th mo next

[illegible]

At a Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends
held at Woonsocket 11th mo 9th 1876 By accounts

[illegible]

Our beloved Friend Mercy S. Davis attended
this meeting and presented a minute from Seabrook
meeting expressing unity with her as a minister
and with her present religious engagement, her
company and gospel labors have been acceptable
to us. She was accompanied by her husband Joel

[illegible]

The year having expired
[illegible]
Susan Ann Gifford Sarah Osborne and Susan E. Mowry
were named a Committee to confer with some Friends
[illegible]
meeting

The London General Epistle
[illegible] was read and was left to this Shere

[illegible] Sarah S. Stone Clk.

[illegible] Abigail Wheeler and Salome Wheeler from Bolton [illegible] were present except two for the absence of one a Satisfactory Reason was rendered.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to propose names for Clerk and Assistant reported that [illegible] for Clerk and [illegible] for Assistant which being satisfactory to the meeting they were accordingly appointed for the ensuing year.

[illegible] with a minute from Queensfield monthly meeting, [illegible] unity with her in her present labors, She being a Minister in full esteem, her company and religious [illegible] to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

The esteemed Friend Barnabas C. Hobbs [illegible] with a minute of unity from China Monthly Meeting.

The Friend [illegible] William Varney [illegible] with a minute of unity from China Monthly Meeting.

[illegible] this Meeting and the Clerk was directed to sign on its behalf returning minutes [illegible]

[illegible]

Having finished the business of the meeting and [illegible] for the present Sitting Stratford Mo adjourn [illegible] to meet at Salisbury, on 5th mo next

Sarah S. Stone Clk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Lethbridge 3rd mo 10th 1877. By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this our Quarterly Meeting, Hannah Maria Battey, Hannah Maria Battey, Mary E. Harris, Lydia Knight, Lizzie Wheeler & Roland Hills Bolton Church E. Wheeler and Sarah J. Wheeler, who being present were present with two exceptions.

The queries were read in this Meeting with answers from our Monthly Meetings from which a Summary was framed and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our Clerk Hannah Maria Battey. Sarah Ann Jeffrey, Sarah J. Wheeler, Mary E. Wallace, Rhoda Ann Jeffrey, Caroline A. Beck, Lydia Dow and Abigail Wheeler, who are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting.

Earnest and impressive epistles from our Sisters of North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Canada and Kansas were read at this time to our encouragement.

Having transacted the business which claimed our attention, we adjourn, trusting that we shall be permitted by the great Head of the Church, to meet in Bolton in 8th mo next

Sarah Bolton Clerk

Answers to the Queries

1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held, except two, which were omitted to accord with Yearly Meeting. Most Friends attend them duly and nearly at the appointed hour.

Friends are preserved from all unbecoming behavior when assembled.

2nd. Love and unity are generally maintained. Friends exercise a guard against detraction. When differences have arisen care has been exercised to end them.

3rd. Most Friends are careful to maintain a religious life and conversation and to train their children and those under their care in accordance with our Christian profession.

4th. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families, both diligently and effectively. Our testimony with regard to a free Gospel ministry with a few exceptions is maintained.

5th Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; are watchful to avoid indulgences and frivolities inconsistent with a Christian character and that moderation is observed in all things.

6th Those needing pecuniary aid are cared for according to the requirements of this Query.

7th The Testimony is maintained in accordance to this query.

8th Care is taken that the several requirements of this query are observed.

9th The Records are attended to: a few removals without certificates some of which are under notice.

10th Friends endeavor to administer the discipline in Christian tenderness, [illegible] but prompt[illegible] would be better. Judgment placed when necessary in the authority of truth according to discipline

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 9th 1879. By accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this [illegible] Smithfield - Lucy D. Dunn, Mary Ann Whitall, Susan C. Cook, Phebe Ann Smith and Lucy [illegible] Providence - Mary B. Wilson, Lucinda C. Cook, Mary M. Jones, Abigail Dixon & Lucinda Jenkins. Bolton - Mary A. Howard and Elizabeth H. Jackson being called were present except four.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting stated they all attended to their appointment except one & that was rendered satisfactory under the [illegible] circumstances.

The queries [illegible] in this meeting and the queried answers given each by the respective Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Thomas B. Nichols attended this meeting from [illegible] Monthly Meeting, expressing much satisfaction in his company and gospel labors while acceptable to us and the clerk was directed to sign on our

[illegible] an Evening minute which may be prepared for him by men Friends.

The report of Committee in charge of our Boarding School was read and was acceptable to us.

By direction of the Yearly Meeting, Stephen Wilbur James H. Simmons and Abby L. Bailey were appointed to confer with and assist the Committee appointed by that Meeting, to have charge of the General Meetings which may be held within our limits.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we adjourn to meet again in Woonsocket in 11th mo next if permitted

Abby L. Bailey, Clerk for the day

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in Woonsocket 11th mo 8th 1877.

By accounts from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield — Phebe S. Butler Mary Anna Bailey, Ruth H. Bailey and Juliette S. Carlton from Uxbridge Phebe S. Marsh, Hannah Thomas, Prudence Wheeler and Caroline A. Earle: from Dolton Abby M. Barnard Susan C. Wheeler and Sarah J. Wheeler — who being called were all present.

Our beloved friend Peace Jones attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Nine Monthly, she being a Minister in good esteem, her company and gospel labors were acceptable to us and the Clerk was directed to prepare [illegible] for her behalf a returning minute

The usual business was done in this meeting with the exception of reports from all our Monthly Meetings.

Our esteemed friend George E. Dillingham attended this meeting with a minute from Nine Month Monthly Meeting endorsed by Nine Month Quarterly Meeting State of Iowa, of residing amicably with them in the gospel ministry, also our esteemed friend Edward A. Young was in attendance of our meeting with a minute of unity from Western Monthly Meeting endorsed by Green Quarterly Meeting, Ohio. The company and gospel labors of both were acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf returning minutes which shall be prepared by Men's Meeting

The year having expired for which the above were appointed South Dist. Battey, Benj. B. Taber and Sarah A. Thorne were desired to present to the next meeting names of some Friends for that service.

The business of this Meeting having been recommitted to the session, Adjourned to meet, by permission in 2nd month next in Worcester

Sarah A. Thorne Clerk

Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Worcester 2nd mo 14th 1895

The records received from the Monthly Meetings of representatives to this meeting Smithfield - Catharine Alice M. Cranston, Rebecca D. Dawson, Alice J. Battey, Mary Updike - Providence Mary [illegible] and Elizabeth H. Babcock, were present with two exceptions.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to confer with Friends to fill vacancies reported the name of Sarah Thorne for Clerk to this meeting they are chosen to that service during the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Sarah H. Goddard opened this meeting with a minute of concurrence with the acceptance to us, and the Clerk is directed to [illegible] with a copy of this minute.

The queries were [illegible]

[illegible] gratitude for the Divine favor to us. We conclude purchasing to be [illegible] next at Northbridge

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 9th mo 4th 1872.

The several Monthly Meetings the Representatives of this are from Smithfield Sarah A. Read, Hope [illegible], Lydia A. Read, Susan A. Jenckes, Hannah Sprague; from Uxbridge Lydia Wright, Catharine G. Dorcas Daniels, [illegible] present each one.

The several Monthly Meetings with a minute from Holmes Hole Monthly Meeting were read by the Clerk and the Yearly Meeting for Ministers and Elders by the Yearly Meeting for Ministers and Elders

[illegible] and Gospel Services were acceptable to us.

We also have the acceptable company of our dear friend Hannah Thistlethwaite as Companion to Sarah Littlethwaite, with a minute of unity from Cheshire [illegible] Meeting, [illegible] the Clerk was directed to [illegible] with copies of these minutes.

The Monthly Meetings from which a Summary has been received and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting [illegible] Caroline A. Earle, Susan A. Gifford, Abby W. Randall, [illegible] requested to report their attendance to our next Meeting

The next Meeting if Permitted, to meet in Bolton

Sarah A Borne Clerk

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held
in Bolton 5th mo 5th 1875

By request from the Monthly Meeting in Providence
Ties to this meeting Smithfield -- Hannah Sprague
Rebecca A. Inman, Abby T. Bailey and Maria A.
Wilbur -- Evening M. Cook -- Abigail Wheeler
W. M. and Ann S. Colvin.

Bolton -- Martha A. Wheeler and Mary A. Read
being called were present except two.

Our beloved friend Abigail M. Hanson
attended this Meeting with a minute
from Uxbridge Monthly Meeting expressing
unity with her as a Minister and with her present
religious engagement & her company and gospel
labors were acceptable to us and the Clerk was
directed to furnish her with a copy of this min.

The queries were read at this time with the
answers to the 1st 2nd and 3rd from each of our
Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report
they all attended to their appointment except one
This Meeting united with Uxbridge Monthly
Meeting in the appointment of Abigail Wheeler
to the station of Elder, Ann Hanson concurring therein.

The Report of the Committee in charge of our
Boarding School was acceptably read at this time.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished
we concluded, proposing to meet again in Woonsocket
in eleventh month next

Abby A. Bailey Clerk pro tem

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held
in Bolton 6th mo 10th 1875.

By request from the Smithfield Monthly
Meeting Ties to this Meeting -- present
Rebecca A. Inman, Sarah K. Sprague, Hannah Sprague
Abby T. Bailey, Mary A. Wilbur, Abigail
Wheeler. Also Ann S. Colvin and Evening M. Cook
Sarah M. Randall and Sarah A. Wheeler

... Monthly Meetings.

... Thurston informed this meeting of a change in the time of holding their mid-week ... 11 o'clock to 2 in the afternoon, which ...

... united with men's meeting in the ... of James G. Arnold to the station of elder. The year having expired for which the Clerks ... Elmira B. Collins, Phebe Ann Vincent and Elizabeth H. Babcock were desired to confer with ... Friends for that service and report at our next ... meeting.

An excellent epistle from our sisters of ... Yearly Meeting was speedily read.

... concluded judgment to meet in Worcester the 2d ... of ... next.

Worcester Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held ... 10th 1867

The minutes of our preceding Monthly meeting, the representatives to ... Smithfield - Sarah A. Thomas, Melissa A. Clark, Seaman Chaffee and Abby G. Briggs ... Rhode Island, ... Phebe A. Hills, Mary S. Bassett, and Eliza A. Gardner Bolton — Joanna W. Simmons and Susan C. Wheeler being called were present with our epistles.

The Friends who were requested to act as ... for the Clerks of this meeting, reported those of ... Rhode Island Monthly Meeting to be satisfactory and ... meeting ... the ensuing year.

... Harriet A. Jones ... with a minute from Smithfield Monthly Meeting, ... ministry with her as a minister also with her ... and company and Gospel labors were acceptable ... the Clerk was directed to furnish her with ... of this minute.

... Friends who were ... the requisite number ... Monthly Meetings.

and feeling such gratitude to our [illegible]
for His mercies extended to us this [illegible]
[illegible] to meet at Northbridge [illegible]

Sarah Adams Clerk

Minutes Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 3rd mo 1st 1876

By accounts from our several monthly meetings it appears to this our Quarterly Meeting Phebe H. Clark, Sarah Howard and Susan L. Uxbridge Hannah L. Harris, Edgarita F. Wilson Jane M. Pitts, Lydia Haight and Sarah E. Pitts.

Bolton Lydia D. Doe and Sarah M. Babcock also being called were mutually with their acceptance.

The Friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting reported they were all present.

The report of committee on change of Friends' Boarding School was read at this time.

The yearly meeting epistle was read in this meeting.

The second Third Quarterly Meeting was adjourned by adjournment to meet at Uxbridge 4th mo 5th 1876 on Seventh day morning.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

Phebe H. Pitts

Clerk

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Phebe H. Pitts

Clerk

Bolton – Susan E. Wheeler and Sarah J. Wheeler ; pos-
ing called for Meal ... [illegible] ... one a satisfactory reason was received.

... [illegible] ... meeting with a minute of unity from Litchfield
... [illegible] ... Meeting, ... [illegible] ... Clerk was directed to furnish her
with a copy of this minute.

The queries were read at this time with the
requisite answers from our Monthly Meetings.

This meeting united with Smithfield Monthly
Meeting in the Accomplishment of Alfred Briggs and
Sarah Osborne to the Station of Elder.

... [illegible] ... Meeting ... [illegible] ... minute ... [illegible] ... Meeting ... [illegible] ... Meeting Indiana – William H. Charles
with a minute of concurrence from Adrian
Monthly Meeting ... [illegible] ... Meeting – Michigan and Ellen G. Goddard
with the approval of Falmouth Monthly
Meeting Maine ; Lucy R. Goddard was
present as companion to her husband. When
... [illegible] ... were accepted to us,
the Clerk was directed to sign, on their behalf
minutes that their friends should prepare.

The Year having expired for which the Clerk
was appointed, Phebe A. Marble
and Ruth M. Batty were desired to engage
in some service for that service and report
to our next meeting.

The business of the meeting being accom-
plished ... [illegible] ... the
Heavenly Father had been pleased to engage
us in ... [illegible] ... the solemn profession
to meet in Worcester in 2nd month next.

Sarah Osborne Clerk

[illegible] meeting of Women Friends held [illegible]

[illegible] reports from our Monthly Meetings, duly represented

[illegible] Clark. [illegible] Eveleigh [illegible]

[illegible] reports

[illegible] sundry [illegible] for Visits were not

[illegible] to read.

[illegible] were read at this time with the

[illegible] views from our Monthly Meetings.

The London general epistle was read in this

meeting, many its solemn words & counsel and

encouragement awaken us to a consciousness of our

[illegible] and responsibility.

[illegible] as a minister and with

his [illegible] to his company

[illegible]

[illegible] in our midst, we concluded [illegible] to meet

[illegible]

[illegible] Quarterly Meeting

[illegible] 5th mo 23 1888.

Accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings

the representatives to this are given [illegible]

Ruth M. Bailey, Esther Osborne, Mary L. Battey,

Sarah A. Burgess and Hannah Pidgeon.

Eveleigh, Mary M. Hoskins, Lucas County,

[illegible]

[illegible] were present with two exceptions.

[illegible] reports reported the [illegible]

meeting of the Quarterly Meeting.

The Friends who had met in this meeting
made some alterations in our Monthly Meetings.
Summaries were received in the course of
reading by the Representatives [illegible]
Caution & Care. Jerome Hall. Sarah J. Hall
Theodore M. Cook, Mary Ellen Cook, Lewis H.
Judson and Adeline L. Freeman who are appointed
to visit their Allowance to our next Quarterly
Meeting.

An epistle from our sister
Ann Mabry was read & the meeting
adjourned was made to change the time
holding the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers & Elders
at Bolton from 5th o'clock P.M. to 3 o'clock.

The business of this meeting having been
accomplished and with a feeling of gratitude for
the Divine favor enjoyed we concluded & went
to meet at Bolton the 5th mo next at 3 P.M.

Sarah Osborne Clk

Quarterly Meetings in Virginia and Ohio
have been dropped from their Yearly and no
other substitute now appointed with them
to be attended by those in the Ministry
& the elders. Encouraging remarks among Friends.

2nd Day Still and quiet generally maintained.
Education pamphlet against the oppressed to
come to the knowledge.

3rd Day We met Friends generally were
comfortable and contributions to the Ministry
and Christian profession and attend to
our Quarterly Meeting.

[illegible]
The business of this religious
to the great [illegible]

[illegible]

14th & 15th. The circumstances of the Poor are duly inspected and their ~~the~~ necessities relieved.

16th. Friends are careful we believe in regard to the requirements of this query.

17th. We believe Friends ~~xx xxxxxx~~ with due exception, faithfully perform all that is enjoined in this query.

18th. Records alluded to. Those removed from some amongst us during the year without criticism.

19th. The administration of the discipline has been in unison ~~xxxxxxxx~~ not always sufficiently timely, and judgment exercised when necessary in accordance with the spirit of the Gospel.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8th mo 12th 1880.

[illegible] Monthly Meeting of Representatives [illegible] Meeting of Ministers, Elders & Overseers, Stephen D. Briggs, Sarah Hadley, Eugene D. Peck, Lavina Hinckley, Mary M. Smith, Hannah D. Aldrich, Orson Daniels and Adeline E. Harmon.

From Bolton Elizabeth H. Babcock and Mary H. Babcock who being called were present with the Representatives.

The Visitors Sarah A. Satterthwait & Hannah [illegible] with a certificate from Bolton Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Smithfield and Northumberland Quarterly Meeting and a certificate of concurrence from Bolton Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight; the company and religious services have been very acceptable to us. The Visitors Sarah Ann [illegible] while attending this meeting with a certificate from Edinburgh Mo. Monthly Meeting, endorsed by the General Meeting for Scotland; the company

and religious services have been very acceptable to us and the Lord is blessed to nourish them with a portion of these privileges.

The collections to the yearly meeting stand with one exception.

The queries have been read at this time with requisite answers from all the Monthly Meetings.

The report of the Committee having the charge of the Boarding School at Providence has been received and read at this time.

We are informed that the yearly meeting has united with the proposition of changing the time of holding the meeting of Ministers and Elders at Dolton from the 3rd to the 4th day of the week preceding the Dublin and Baltimore yearly meetings and has been acceptable to us.

The business of this meeting being accomplished we concluded to meet in Wrightstown at the usual time of meeting.

Caroline L. Earle Clerk pro tem.

Continued Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held in Dolton 1st mo 1st 1868. The accounts from the Monthly Meetings belonging to this and from Middletown Quarterly Meeting, Upper Evesham, Haddonfield, Cropwell, Salem, Rancocas, Burlington, Chesterfield, Mount Holly, Evesham, Shrewsbury, Plainfield, Woodbury, Greenwich, Deerfield, Pilesgrove and Pittsgrove and Duncan Ferguson.

Dolton. Susan E. Pancoast and Sarah T. Stone being called the present with two exceptions.

The queries were read at this time with the following answers from our Monthly Meetings.

Any epistles from our sisters in unity were read. Extracts from minutes of other Quarterly Meetings were read at this time.

This meeting united with Friends in the appointment of William Hancock to the station of Elder.

The business of the meeting [illegible] conclude, under a deep sense of [illegible]

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo 18th 1881

The accounts from our respective Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield – Abby L. Batty, Ann Sarah J. Wheeler – all present except one.

The Queries have been read at this time with the requisite answers from our Monthly Meetings

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired, we appointed Emma Swift, Abby L. Batty & Abby Randall a committee to bring forward names of Friends for that service the ensuing year.

Acceptable epistles from our Visited Yearly Meetings were read at this time.

The business of the Meeting being accomplished we conclude Quarterly to meet at Northbridge on 5th mo next if permitted

Caroline E. Earle Clerk of the day

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held 5th mo. 12, 1881, at Northbridge.

Accounts received from our several monthly meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield Asa B. Steere, Hannah Wayne Elizabeth L. Aldrich and Sarah A. Burgess, from Uxbridge Abigail Wheeler Sarah Swift Lydia A. Capron and Salome C. Wheeler from Providence Sarah L. Wheeler, Hattie M. Randall and Susan E. Wheeler who being called were present except for the reasons for her a sufficient reason was assigned.

The committee on clerks proposed the name of Salome C. Wheeler for clerk and Adeline L. Farnum for assistant which receiving the approval of the meeting they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

Our beloved friend Elizabeth B. Evans a minister attended this meeting with a minute from Ohio yearly meeting, her companion and gospel labors was acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute. Our beloved friend Sarah P. Pennington a minister of the gospel attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Smithland Monthly Meeting endorsed by Smithland Quarterly meeting her companion and gospel labors have been acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign such a minute

his behalf as Men Friends Should require.

The Queries have been read with answers thereto from all our monthly meetings from which a minute has been received and to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting and Esther Osborne Phebe A. Marble Avis B. Kelley Melissa A. Clarke Sarah J. Wheeler Abigail Wheeler Melissa A. Clarke Salome C. Wheeler and Laura E. Read, Ms are appointed to Attend Said Conference at our next quarterly meeting.

A Dispatch just received informs Friends meeting House and Shed at Prospect were burned this morning Esther Osborne Phebe A. Marble Avis B. Kelley Melissa A. Clarke and Sarah J. Wheeler are appointed a Committee to unite with a similar committee of Town Friends to provide a suitable place for holding the Quarterly Meeting in June next.

The business of the meeting being accomplished, and the inward sense of Divine favor we conclude, appointing to meet in Belfast if no one else is provided.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk

At the 21st Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Belfast 1871.

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives are from Smithfield Knox Unity Lincoln Albion Albion B. Kelley Vassalboro, Abigail B. Kelley Vassalboro, Sarah J. Wheeler Abigail Wheeler and Melissa A. Clarke Belfast Laura E. Read and Sarah W. Brown of Unity called are present except one.

Our beloved friend Abigail B. Kelley attended this meeting with a minute from Salem Monthly meeting and was received by Salem Quarterly meeting Oct. 1871. Her company and gospel services were very acceptable to us, and it was concluded to sign a copy of the minute in the minutes of this meeting.

The Queries have been read with the epistles from the 1st, 2nd, and 10th, from all our monthly meetings.

All the representatives attended to their appointment with one exception. This meeting unites with the Quarterly meeting in the appointment of Salome C. Wheeler Clerk and Esther Osborne Elder, Men friends concurring therewith.

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting was read acceptably at this time. The business of the meeting being accomplished and the inward sense of Divine favor we conclude, appointing to meet in Belfast if no one else is provided.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at [illegible] Market [illegible] June 6th 1.

By accounts received from our monthly meetings the representatives are from, Smithfield Hannah B. Cummings, Phebe F. Aldrich Phebe Andrews, Avis B. Mowry and Hannah Sprague. Uxbridge Lydia Aldrich Emma C. Swift Emmeline D. Aldrich Abigail Wheeler & Dorcas M. Aldrich. Millville Sarah J. Wheeler and Joanna H. Simmons who being called are present except two.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st, 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings. This Meeting has united with Uxbridge Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Mary R. Hadwen to the Station of Elder

Transcripts of Epistles from our Sisters in Dublin and New York have been read in this meeting to our encouragement and edification

Our beloved friend S. Adelbert Wood is in attendance of this meeting with a minute of unity from Rollin Monthly Meeting endorsed by Adrian Quarterly Meeting, Mich. His company and labors of love in the Gospel have been truly acceptable and encouraging to us

Our beloved friend Fred W. Caswell is also in attendance of this meeting as companion to S. Adelbert Wood His company has been acceptable to us.

The business of the meeting being accomplished we would in conclusion acknowledge with reverent gratitude His Presence (who alone is the Crown of Glory and Diadem of Beauty) to His people, in peculiar blessing at this [illegible] our first gathering in the Meetinghouse and commodious Home He has enabled His People to provide, encouraging us to meet in Worcester 2nd Month next if permitted

Salome C. Wheeler Clk

At Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester y. of 2nd Mo. 1882.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Phebe F. Aldrich Lydia Aldrich and Rebecca A. Sprague Uxbridge Abigail Hunter Hannah D. Aldrich Sarah H. Mitchell Salome C. Hunter, Dolon Hannah C. Wheeler and Abbie H. Randall, who being called are present except one.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd

and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes with a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting attended this meeting. Her labors & Gospel labors have been truly acceptable to us. Concluded to sign a copy of the minute.

Our beloved friend John Pennington with a minute of unity from Pleasant St. Meeting endorsed by Spiceland Quarterly Meeting held at Greenfield Ind. 9th mo. attended this meeting. His Company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to sign such a minute as our friends may prepare.

[illegible] this time we conclude, purposing to meet in Smithfield [illegible]

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Smithfield 5th mo. 11. 1882.

By account from the several monthly meetings the representatives therein named are from Smithfield Jennie Allen, Hannah M. Read Chloe Briggs Rebecca A. Inman & Maria Aldrich. Newport Lydia Knight & Abigail Peckham Adaline L. Farnum Bolton. Hannah C. Wheeler and Sarah J. Wheeler. who are present except one.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to bring forward names for Clerks, report the names of Salome C. Wheeler for Clerk and Adaline L. Farnum for Assistant with which this meeting unites.

The Epistles have been read in this meeting with the [illegible] of our Monthly Meetings [illegible] which [illegible] Lydia Knight, Hannah C. Wheeler, Sarah J. Wheeler and Maria Aldrich who are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting.

This meeting has united with Uxbridge [illegible] in acknowledging the gift and [illegible] of Salome C. Wheeler, in the ministry of Women Friends concerning Her.

the business of this meeting being accomplished with
thankfulness for the blessings of the day we conclude for
this time in Behalf of the Elders of said

Abby H. Battey Clerk pro tem

Monthly
Meeting

Extensive reads Mid-week meetings are small, one mo.
reading reports that in one of their meetings but four mid
week meetings were held during the first quarter, the
usual order observed, no unbecoming behavior noticed.
Love and unity generally maintained and detraction
guarded against, and where differences arise care is ta
to settle them before most Friends are careful to maintain a re-
ligious life and conversation, and especially to train their
children in accordance with our christian profession.
The Holy Scriptures are generally read by most Friends
individually, and to some good Effect, in their families
as testimony to a true Gospel Ministry mostly maintained.
Friends abstain from the use of Intoxicating liquors as a
beverage. They are generally careful to avoid amusements
inconsistent with christian character and re-
The poor are attended to as occasion
requires.
Friends maintain our Testimony with regard to the
[illegible] parts of this county so far as is known.
Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their
accounts. They are punctual to their promises, and just in the
discharge of their pecuniary obligations.
[illegible]
(perhaps not always kindly) and to place judgment in
accordance therewith.

Millfield [illegible] Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8mo 16. 1882.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield Mary C. Hoy Rebecca A. Jenckes Eunice Hayes Maria H. Aldrich Ellen C. Wheeler and Hattie B. Aldrich, Uxbridge Anna Maria Rockwood Abigail Mowry Sarah H. Hill Bolton Elizabeth W. Babcock and Joanna H. Simmons. who being called we find present four for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting all attended their appointment. The Queries have met with their usual answers from all our Monthly Meetings.

The Report of the Boarding School has been read at this time.

An Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of Women Friends has been read in this meeting to our edification and refreshment. Under a fresh sense of Divine Presence and favor we conclude our sitting to meet in Providence at the next if permitted.

Elsie C. Wheeler Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Woonsocket 9th of 11 mo. 1882.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the Representatives to this are from Smithfield, Ann R. Briggs, Melissa A. Clark, Thebe Burns Hannah Sprague Esther Osborne and Laura A. Reed Uxbridge Elsa A. Gardiner Anna Maria Rockwood Sarah F. Swift Bolton C. Wheeler and Dorcas H. Aldrich, Bolton, Sarah J. Wheeler and Alice M. Randall, who being called are present except three, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

Our beloved friend Charlotte D. Holmes attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Providence Monthly Meeting of Friends, expressing unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagement. Her company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend John Cartland attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Kendall Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Kendall Maine. His company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to sign such a minute as Women Friends may propose.

The Queries have been read with requisite answers from all our monthly meetings.

An excellent Epistle from our sisters of Dublin Yearly Meeting has been read at this time.

Our Business being accomplished, with an earnest desire that the seed sown today may bear fruit in our future lives to the glory of our Divine Master we conclude, purposing to meet in Worcester 2nd mo. next if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo. 8th 1883.

By accounts received from our several Monthly meetings the Representatives to this are from Smithfield Desire F. Mosher Rebecca A. Inman Thebe A. Marble & Polly L. Briggs, Uxbridge Abigail Wheeler Thebe M. Pitts Salome C. Wheeler & Anna Marion Rockwood Bolton Susan E. Wheeler and Sarah J. Wheeler, who being called are present - except one.

Our beloved friend Mercy T. Davis, a minister, attended this meeting, with a minute of unity from Wilbraham Monthly Meeting her company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us, and the clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Our beloved friend Joel Davis an elder attended this meeting as companion to his wife Mercy T. Davis with a minute of unity from Scituate Monthly Meeting. His company has been very acceptable to us. Our Dear Friends Thomas B. Nichols and his wife Rachel B. Nichols both Ministers, attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from Pass Town Monthly Meeting. Their company and gospel labors have been very acceptable to us.

The Queries have been read with the required answers from all our Monthly Meetings.

The time, for which the following were appointed having expired, Lydia Wright, Mary R. Hadwen and Thebe T. Marble are requested to confer with suitable friends for that service and report to our next meeting.

Smithfield monthly meeting informs that Mary S. Smith an elder departed this life on the 2. 1. of 11 mo. 1882 aged 62 years 5 mos & 11 days. Also that said meeting has appointed Mary M. Clark Rebecca A. Inman Jennie Aldyn Geo. F. Varney and James W. Lead members of the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight with which this meeting unites.

Under a precious sense of our meeting at this time being owned and blessed by the presence of the Great Head of the Church we conclude, purposing to meet in Northbridge 5 mo. next if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk

Smithfield [illegible] Meeting of [illegible] held at [illegible]dge 5 mo. [illegible] 183.

By accounts received from our several Monthly [illegible] the representatives to this are from Smithfield, M. Melissa [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Abigail Wheeler Elisabeth Wilson Lydia Haight & Adeline [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Randal [illegible] [illegible] called are all present.

The Committee appointed at our last Meeting to [illegible] [illegible] report the names of Salome C. Wheeler [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and they are appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read in this Meeting with answers [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] prepared which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives Lydia Haight Mary A. Hadwen Abigail Wheeler [illegible] Annie [illegible] Rannie [illegible] Randal Dorcas H. Wheeler Lydia [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Salome C. Wheeler [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

The Meeting [illegible] [illegible] report the names [illegible] [illegible] as members of that Meeting the name of Elise Gardiner is referred back to the Monthly Meeting at her request.

Henry Hydelott accompanied by his wife Phebe S. Hydelott [illegible] this meeting. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of these dear friends have been very acceptable to us.

With deep gratitude for the favored season we have witnessed today in the Great Head of the Church breaking unto us the bread of Life we conclude, intending through Divine permission to meet at Bolton in eighth month.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk

Summary

[illegible] All meetings for [illegible] Worship and Discipline have been attended [illegible] [illegible] except [illegible] in the middle of the week, [illegible] attended by a smaller proportion of our members than we should be glad to report. The hour [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] generally maintained [illegible] to be exercised towards one another of the same [illegible] [illegible].

Ans 3rd. We believe with most Friends there is a desire to maintain a religious life and conversation, and generally careful to train their children in accordance with our Christian Profession.

Ans 4th. Friends frequently read the Holy Scriptures in their families and we trust encourage those under their care to the daily practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel ministry maintained with a few exceptions.

Ans 5th. Friends abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, they are generally careful with regard to the other parts of the query.

Ans 6th. The circumstances of the poor are duly inspected and their necessities relieved.

Ans 7th. Clear as far as we know of the several parts of this Query.

Ans 8th. Friends are careful to inspect their affairs and settle their accounts, are punctual to their promises just in the payment of their debts and live within the bounds of their circumstances [illegible]

Ans 9th. Care is taken and [illegible] to administer the discipline [illegible] in the authority of truth and according to discipline.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 9. of 8. Mo. 1883.

By accounts received from our several Preparative Meetings the representatives to this are from:

Smithfield [illegible] Esther [illegible] Rachel [illegible] Uxbridge [illegible] Lydia A. [illegible] Eliza A. Gardiner [illegible] Bolton [illegible] E. Wheeler & Susan E. Wheeler who being called are present except two.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting attended to their appointment except [illegible], two of whom gave a satisfactory reason for non attendance.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the first, second and tenth from each of our Monthly Meetings.

Uxbridge Monthly Meeting reports that they are united in the appointment of Eliza A. Gardiner as a member of the meeting of Ministry and Oversight. Also in the appointment of [illegible] Samuel [illegible] Arnold & Hannah D. [illegible] to the station of Elders with which this meeting unites. The Report of Friends Boarding School has been read in this meeting.

... conclude purposing to meet in ... if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Woonsocket 11 mo. 8. 1883.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings, the representatives to this meeting, viz. Salome C. Wheeler, Esther Cadwell, Phebe A. Hill, Lydia A. Sayles, Abbie A. Whipple, Ellen A. Arnold, Mary A. Sherman, Abigail Smith, Sarah A. Pitts, Emma L. Wood, Ellen Gould, Ellen A. Arnold and Salome C. Wheeler who being called are present except one.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

... Epistle from our Yearly Meeting has been read in this meeting, which is ... our edification.

... over this was love we conclude purposing to meet in ... 2nd month next if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held 2nd mo. 14. 1884. at Worcester

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting, viz. Salome C. Wheeler, Esther Cadwell, Phebe A. Hill, Lydia A. Sayles, Abbie A. Whipple, Ellen A. Arnold, Mary A. Sherman, Abigail Smith, Sarah A. Pitts, Emma L. Wood, Ellen Gould, Ellen A. Arnold and Salome C. Wheeler who being called are present except one. The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings. ... Epistle from our Yearly Meeting has been read in this meeting which is ... Friends are requested to come with suitable ...

An excellent Epistle from our sisters in Dublin has been read at this time.

Under a renewed sense of the loving Presence of our heavenly Father with us at this time we conclude [illegible] to meet in Northbridge 5mo next if permitted.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 3 mo. 8th.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representation to this meeting is small. Nine Ministering Friends are present, Mary Hadley Clerk, Abbie H. Aldrich, Grover Hayes, Northbridge, Lucretia A. Phillips, Thomas C. Smith, Maria Rockwell & Abigail Wheeler, Bolton. Abbie H. Randall & Thomas H. Wheeler, who being called are present with [illegible] for the absence of one a sufficient reason has been assigned.

The Committee appointed at our last meeting to bring forward names for those we may propose to report, the same is deferred to our next Quarterly Meeting.

The Queries have been read at this meeting with answers from each of our Monthly Meetings, from which a Summary has been prepared which we forward to the Yearly Meeting by our representatives Lydia Knight, Abbie H. Aldrich, Mary Hadley Clark, Joseph Wheeler, Thomas H. Wheeler, Eunice Hayes, Rebecca A. Thomas & Lucretia A. Phillips, who are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting.

Smithfield Mo. Meeting reports Rowena H. Grover a member and Elder of that meeting deceased this 8th day of the 2nd month, 84 years 8 months and 7 days.

Acceptable Epistles from our sisters in Baltimore with that from the Monthly Meeting held in Mount Lebanon have been read which is to our encouragement and edification.

Acknowledging with humble gratitude the Presence of the Great Head of the Church has been the Crown of our gathering at this time we conclude [illegible] to meet in Bolton in 8 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk.

Answers

Query 1st. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except [illegible] in the middle of the week. A portion of them have

attend them duly, but by a few they are wholly neglected; the hour mostly observed, and meeting [illegible] unbecoming behavior.

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained. Detraction guarded against; and care taken that no differences should exist.

3rd Friends generally endeavor to maintain a religious life and conversation and by precept and example to train up their children and those under their care in accordance with our christian profession.

4th We think the Holy Scriptures are frequently read, individually, as well as collectively in Friends families, and that the children and them are encouraged in the practice of this religious duty

5th Care in the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage mostly careful with regard to the other parts of the query.

6th The requirements of this query are attended to

7th Care in respect to this query.

8th So far as is known Friends are careful to attend to the requirements of this Query.

9th Our Friends are attended to. A few removals without certificates.

10th The discipline is administered, we trust in christian tenderness, and with an earnest desire that it may be done timely and impartially, and judgment placed in accordance therewith.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 8. mo. 14. 1884.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield Esther A. Brown Rebecca A. Sherman Alice R. Croyston Mary A. Clark and Ann A. Briggs. Uxbridge Sarah F. Swift Emma C. Swift Salome C. Wheeler Eliza A. Gardiner and Minerva Farnum. Bolton Susan C. Wheeler and Lydia B. Low who being called are present except four.

The Committee appointed to bring forward names of suitable Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks reported the the names of Salome C. Wheeler as Clerk and Esther A. Brown as Assistant which being united with they are appointed to that service the ensuing years.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to the Yearly Meeting report-

attendance except by two for the absence of one a sufficient reason was assigned.

Our friends report they have united with Uxbridge Monthly meeting in the appointment of Jeremiah C. Phelps Lydia Phelps and Adeline L. Daniels as members of the meeting on Ministry and oversight with which we also unite.

Our dear friend Rachel B. Nichols a minister with a minute of concurrence from Wrentham Mo. Meeting attended this meeting. Her company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Thomas Kimber a minister of the Gospel and Mary S. Kimber, his wife, an Elder attended this meeting with a minute of concurrence from the Fair Mount Monthly Meeting. Their company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Mary Bowdon Thomas a minister, attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Baltimore Monthly Meeting. Her company and gospel labors have been very acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Richard H. Jones a minister of the gospel with a minute of unity from Baltimore Monthly Meeting attended this meeting. His company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Francis Kaplan a minister with a minute of unity from that part of the meeting held at Mount Pleasant Ohio attended this meeting. His company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

The business of our meeting being accomplished we conclude proposing by Divine permission to meet in Woonsocket at eleventh mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler, Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Woonsocket 11 mo. 13. 1884.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield, Sarah B. Cranston, Phebe A. Marble, Polly T. Buzzo, Ann B. Shore & Maria Aldrich, Uxbridge Emma C. Smith, Anna Maria Rockwood, Phebe M. Pitts & Salome C. Wheeler, Ballou Sarah G. Wheeler and Dorcas H. Wheeler who being called are present except three.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with ans. to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our monthly meetings.

Our beloved friend John Bartlett a minister attended the meeting with a minute of concurrence from Wrentham Mo.

meeting held at Casco Me. His company and Gospel labor have been very acceptable to us.

Our dear friend Wm Tuttle companion to our friend John Cartland attended this meeting his company and Gospel service has been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Wm C. Newhall a minister attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Salem Monthly Meeting held at Salem Mass. His company and Gospel labor have been very acceptable to us.

We have also at this time the very acceptable company of our beloved friend Rebecca H. Smiley a member of the Gospel Committee of our Yearly Meeting, accompanied by our dear friend Huldah Leighton. Their service has been edifying to us.

Under a deep sense of thankfulness that the Great Head of the Church has owned our gathering and so bountifully blessed us at this time we conclude, purposing to meet in Worcester 2nd mo next.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2nd mo. 2. 1886.

By accounts received from our several mo. meetings the representatives to this meeting from Smithfield Phebe A. Steere Anna A. Read and Mary A. Tilley, Uxbridge Anna Rockwood Salome C. Wheeler & Eliza A. Gardner, Bolton Abbie W. Randall & Hannah D. Wheeler who being called are present except three.

The Queries have been read with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from each of our mo. meetings.

Below the minute is one that has been appointed Sarah J. Steere Paul A. Randall and Abbie W. Randall as members of the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight with which this meeting unites, Men Friends concurring therein.

Owning with us at this time the acceptable company of several dear Friends from neighboring Quarterly meetings through whom the dear Master has manifested himself to us in the working of power with humble and rejoicing gratitude for this renewed token of his love we conclude for meeting to meet in Northbridge 5th month next.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Northbridge 4th of 5. mo 1885.

By accounts received from our several monthly Meetings the representatives to this are from Smithfield Esther Osborn Hannah Steere, Mary Melissa Clark and Maria A. Arnold Uxbridge, Salome C. Wheeler, Sarah Shaw, Ellen A. Gardiner and Sarah J. Swift, Bolton Dorcas H. Wheeler and Sarah J. Wheeler, who being called are present except four.

The Queries have been read with answers from our several Meetings from which a Summary has been prepared which is to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting by our friends Mary A. Battey Susan A. Gifford Maria A. Arnold Abbie F. Randall Lydia A. Phelps, Lydia Knight and Salome C. Wheeler whom we appoint our representatives and request them to report their attendance at our next meeting.

The time for which the clerks were appointed having expired Mary B. Hudson Abigail Wheeler and Mary A. Battey are requested to confer with suitable persons for that service and report to our next meeting.

We have the acceptable company of Charlotte D. Holmes at this meeting and also of our friend Lennie M. Ray a member of the Cong.l Ch. on Gospel Hunk.

Smithfield monthly Meeting reports they have revised their list of members of the meeting of ministry and oversight and the following named friends are selected, for the ensuing two years viz. James S. Read, Eliza F. Carney, Lennie Allen, Mary A. Battey and Mary Melissa Clark.

Dorcas Daniels an Elder and member of Uxbridge Mo. Meeting deceased 12 mo. 1884 in the 72d year of her age. Jonathan F. Southwick an Elder and member of Uxbridge Mo. Meeting deceased 2. of 4 mo. 1885 in the 86th year of his age.

Ruth H. Battey an Elder and member of Smithfield Mo. Meeting died 4. of 12. mo. 1884 aged 82 years & 10 months.

Having received at this time much weighty counsel for which we are truly grateful we conclude, purposing to meet in Bolton in 8 mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler Clerk.

Summary

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been regularly held except five and one preparative meeting reports that they have omitted their mid week meeting not on account of indifference as inability to attend them the hour mostly stormy. Not quite clear of unbecoming behaviour.

2nd Love and unity are maintained among us, with a slight exception in one meeting — detraction guarded against — where differences have appeared some care has been extended.

3rd We trust - Friends are generally careful to maintain a religious life and make some endeavor to train their children in accordance with our christian profession

4th We trust - the Holy Scriptures are daily read in Friends families both individually & collectively and that they encourage their children in the practice of this religious duty. Our testimony to a free gospel Ministry mostly maintained.

5th Clear as regards the use of intoxicating liquors, - generally careful to avoid amusements and diversions inconsistent with a christian character.

6th There is a care to observe the several parts of this query.

7th " Clear in the several parts of this query as far as we know

8th " Generally clear as to the several parts of this Query

9th. Records are attended to - a few removals with certificates

10th " Care is taken to administer the Discipline in christian love though not always as timely as would desirable.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Bolton 13 of 8mo 1886.

By Accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this meeting are from; Smithfield, Sarah A. Reid, Maria Aldrich, Iris B. Allen and Mary J. Bates, Uxbridge, Anna Ann Lockwood, Sarah L. Swift, Salome C. Wheeler, Bolton, Lydia B. Dow & Abbie B. Randall, who being called are present except three; for the absence of two a satisfactory excuse was given. — The Committee appointed to bring forward names of suitable friends to serve this meeting as clerks, report the names of Salome C. Wheeler as clerk, and Sarah L. Swift as assistant, which being united with, they are appointed to that service the ensuing year.

The Queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1st, 2nd & 10th from each of our Monthly Meetings.

The representatives to this yearly meeting report all present except one, who was prevented from attending by sickness. The report of Friends Boarding School at Providence has been read in this meeting.

A request from Uxbridge, that the time of holding their two meetings may be changed from

us at this time. and we appoint Sarah J. Whitin, Jr. Dors. Mary A. Bailey and Marian Aldrich to unite with the Committee appointed by men Friends to consider the matter and report to our next meeting.

Transcripts of epistles from our sisters in London & Dublin have been read at this time to our edification and encouragement.

Gratefully acknowledging the Presence of the Great Head of the Church with us at this time we conclude by proposing to meet in Woonsocket eleventh mo next.

Salome C. Whitin, Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Woonsocket 11 mo 12. 1885.

By accounts received from our several meetings the representatives from the following meetings Smithfield, Mary A. Bailey, Sarah Osborne, Ann B. Shute & Alice C. Winston, Sarah Osborne, Ann B. Shute & Alice C. Winston, [illegible] who being called are present except one whose attendance was prevented by sickness

The queries [illegible] and the [illegible] with answers to the 2nd and 10th from each of our Mo Mtgs except Bolton. The Committee appointed last Quarterly Mtg in regard to the request of Uxbridge Mo Mtg [illegible] prepared to recommend any change in time or place of holding [illegible] which report is accepted and the Committee is released.

Our dear friend Caroline C. Talbot [illegible] this meeting with a minute of [illegible] Mo. Mtg endorsed by Short Creek Quarterly Meeting held at Mt. Pleasant Ohio [illegible] which is satisfactory to us and the clerk is directed to sign a copy of the minute on her behalf.

Having at this time had a visit [illegible] by our dear friend Lucretia Mott [illegible] hearty [illegible] thanks, we conclude by proposing to meet in Worcester 2nd mo next.

Salome C. Whitin, Clerk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends held at Worcester 2 mo 11. 1886.

By accounts received from our several Mo. Mtgs the representatives to this Mtg are from Smithfield, Mary A. Bailey, Lois F. Aldrich and Lucie [illegible]

Uxbridge, Ann Maria Rockwood Phebe M. Pills and Abigail Bolton Rebecca E. Thurber Hannah D. Whales and Lydia B. Dow, who being called are present- except one.

This meeting unites with Smithfield Mo. Mtg in the appointment of Esther Osborne to the Station of Elder men Friends concurring therewith.

Transcripts of Epistles from our Friends in New York and Baltimore have been read at this time and are acceptable to us.

Having accomplished the business of this meeting under a lively sense of the Presence of Him who has promised to meet with His gathered people, we conclude; purposing to meet in Northbridge fifth mo. next.

Salome C. Wheeler
Clk.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Northbridge 5 mo. 13. 1886.

By accounts received from our several Monthly Meetings the representatives to this mtg from Smithfield are B. Hare Alice C. Cranston Esther Osborne Sarah J. Burgess Mary A. Bailey, Uxbridge Ann M. Rockwood Adeline S. S. Daniels Elmira L. Swift and Anna Rockwood, Bolton Sarah J. Wheeler and Susan E. Wheeler who being called are present except two, for the absence of one a satisfactory reason has been assigned.

The time for which the Reps were appointed having expired Mary A. Bailey & Adeline S. Daniels are nominated to serve with suitable minutes for that service and report to our next Monthly Meeting.

The Queries with answers have been read from each of our Mo. Mtgs from which a summary has been prepared which is ordered to the Yearly Meeting by our Friends Lydia Taft Alice C. Cranston Esther Osborne Clerk Mary A. Bailey, also is Rebecca E. Thurber whom we appoint the representatives and request them to report their attendance at our next Mo. Mtg.

Smithfield Mo. Mtg informs that they are united with the appointment of Esther Osborne to the station of Elder which appointment this Meeting approves Friends concurring therewith. A report from Home Mtg informs that they are united with Smithfield Mo. Mtg in the appointment of David B. Gregory to the station of Elder with which appointment this meeting unites. The business of this mtg being accomplished, sitting in the renewed sense of the overshadowing of His Presence who is Lord over all to His Church we conclude purposing to meet in Uxbridge 8th mo. next if permitted

Salome C. Wheeler Clk